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THE REAL KINGDOM.

The governments of this world and the kingdom of God on earth may occupy the same territory and there will not be a single conflict, for the former is of the earth, earthy, and the latter is divine and is from heaven. The more of the members of earthly governments in the kingdom of God the better these nations and the less seeming conflict between the two governments.—Baptist Flag, Fulton, Ky.

The above is a fair sample of the conception that people have of the kingdom of God. They think that the big swell-headed churches of the land constitute the kingdom of God on earth, and that He never will have any kingdom here except that.

That's a mighty pretty picture that the Flag editor draws of two governments occupying the same territory at the same time and getting along so peacefully and happily together. Such a state of affairs, if it could exist, would prove one of two things: Either that the earthly governments are a heap better than we believe them to be, or that the heavenly government is not as good as it ought to be. The fact that the two governments can dwell together in such perfect harmony and never have a single conflict, as The Flag says, proves that they are a good deal alike. The next question is, are they both good alike or both bad alike? Surely this earth to-day don't look much like there was any kingdom of God doing business here.

And then again, that beautiful picture of the two governments dwelling together in such peace and harmony don't correspond at all with the picture I find in Daniel 2:44. Put on your specks and take a peep at Daniel's picture:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."—Daniel 2:44.

Now who's told a fib? If the church is God's kingdom on earth and the only kingdom that God ever will have on earth, as The Baptist Flag thinks, then what is this thing that Daniel is talking about? There seems to be a vast difference between the two. One is going to occupy the same territory with the earthly governments and get along with them just like two old women dipping snuff out of the same box. No conflict at all. Nothing said about breaking in pieces or consuming. Oh, no! The church and the world are too chummy for anything like that. They are going to stay right here together and dip snuff out of the same box for thousands of years yet. What an alluring prospect!

But while all that sweet stuff is going on between the church and the world, there is a great cry of alarm and a mighty scattering among the Big Ikes of earth. What's the matter? Oh, that's the REAL kingdom of God coming in—the one Daniel tells about. And when it gets here the earthly governments will not find it so easy to lead around by the nose. It will do the leading itself, and anything that don't measure up to its divine standard of righteousness will have to get off the earth in a hurry. Yes, it will literally break in pieces and consume all these earthly governments that the church has been hobnobbing with on such intimate terms.

"And the kingdom shall not be left to other people." Do you get that? You know the church was left in the hands of other people, and we all see what a mess they have made of it. And so God proposes to run the kingdom Himself instead of leaving it to other people. And there won't be room on the earth for any of these wicked governments to "occupy the same space at the same time," and so they are to be "broken in pieces and consumed."

THE GREAT STONE WITNESS.

And now I am going to spin you a yarn that you probably won't believe (unless you are already familiar with the facts), but I can assure you it is every word as true as gospel. I mean that literally, for it IS gospel. It is a very vital and important truth that this generation of people ought to know and think about.

My story is concerning a great stone monument that stands somewhere in the world to-day. I am not going to tell you where it is nor what it is just now, but I will give you a few facts about it.

It was built over 4,000 years ago, before Abraham's grandfather was born.

It is composed entirely of solid hewn stone.

It covers over thirteen acres of ground and is about 485 feet high—almost as high as the Washington Monument.

Many of the stones in it are 30 feet long and 10 or 15 feet thick, and are estimated to weigh 800 tons.

If one of these stones was broken up so it could be loaded into cars, it would take 40 freight cars to haul it.

And yet these enormous stones have been lifted 300 or 400 feet high and placed into the wall of the building.

There was no mortar used in laying them, but the joints are so perfect that they can hardly be detected.

All the engineers in the world to-day, with the help of all the modern machinery, could not study out a way to get one of those great stones up there. It just couldn't be done, and that's all there is to it.

But there they are, just the same, and they were put there by SOMEBODY more than 4,000 years ago.

It is said that if all the weath of Egypt were sold it would not bring money enough to hire men to tear down this building.

But that isn't the most wonderful thing about it yet.

There is not a letter nor a figure anywhere about the building, inside or out.

But without using letters, figures, or any kind of writing, it contains more information than the average library. And some of the information it gives is of the very highest importance to the people of this present day.

This great store-house of wisdom has been completely hidden for all these thousands of years, and is just now being discovered and studied out.

The building gives its own age—the date on which it was built.

It proves the distance from the earth to the sun.

It is a perfect almanac and calendar, reaching back beyond the dawn of history.

It foretold the invention of the telescope and its use in astronomy.

It predicted the birth of Christ and gave the exact year, also his death and resurrection.

It predicted the present Great War, and showed that it would start about 1914.

It gives just about positive proof that this present Age or Dispensation is now ending and that the New Age is due to begin soon.

The hidden wisdom of this great stone witness, now that it has been discovered, agrees exactly with Bible prophecy, and thus each proves the other to be true.

Now the only conclusion we can possibly reach about this great and wonderful building is this:

It must have been built by divine directions and with divine help, for there never has been any human power and skill on earth that could have done it.

Now I am not going to tell you any more about it this time, but in next issue of Good News I am going to start a complete account of this wonderful building. I will tell you where it stands, what its name is, and all that men have yet discovered about its great store of divine wisdom. The account will be quite lengthy and it may have to run through two or three issues before it is done.

Read this announcement to all your friends and acquaintances and see if they wouldn't like to read the complete story of the Great Bible in Stone. If they are interested, take their subscriptions to Good News and send them in pretty suddenly.

TOOT! TOOT!

Not bragging on myself, nor anything so, but I claim to know something about the business of writing for the press. I have been pushing a pencil or hammering a typewriter for twenty-five years, and I ought to have learned the game pretty well by this time.

So far as general knowledge is concerned, I don't know half as much as some other writers. But I can tell what little I do know in a way that will attract your attention and make you read and remember it. I have learned how to first catch the reader's attention by some little oddity or other, and then grip his interest and hold it right on to the end.

Grammar? Shucks! One of my old teachers used to tell me that grammar was made for weak-minded folks and children. If grammar happens to be going my way we go together, otherwise I just trot on without her. And it seems to do just as well. Or better.

I have gradually manufactured a few little mannerisms of my own that nobody else knows how to use. They have proven very useful in catching the reader's eye and gripping his interest. And that's the main thing. I have known other writers to grind out articles far superior to anything I could do, but nobody would read them. Maybe they were full of deep thought expressed in perfectly proper language, but they fell flat. They lacked just that touch of life and personality that I could have sifted into 'em at about three left-handed swipes.

So much for that. Now there never was and never will be a subject of more absorbing interest than the one this paper is trying to handle. If you will just give me enough support so that I can hire others to do the office work and let me do nothing but the writing, I will show you what I CAN do. Just try me and see.

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There will be a peace conference after awhile, and you can learn a heap by just keeping your eye on the Pope of Rome. If he or his representatives are given a seat at the peace table you can get ready for about seven years more of trouble. Any peace with the Pope in it will not be a real peace. You can paste that in your hat.

If the nations of earth had any idea that the new nation of Israel would spring up into great power and rule the world for a thousand years, they wouldn't be so keen to have it established. But that is exactly what will happen, just the same. However, it will be under divine guidance and will be a blessing to the world, and all good people will welcome it.

The Weekly.

The Weekly Good News will be started just as soon as enough subs have been received at 50 cents a year to enable me to get the Linotype Machine. They are coming in at a very satisfactory rate. Keep it up. Remember that subs to the weekly sent in now, before the weekly starts, cost only fifty cents a year. This is only an advance offer. After the weekly starts it will cost more. So send 'em in now.

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James E. Howell, J. P.

My commission expires in 1921.

DON'T GET EXCITED.

Now listen! You doubtless get the idea from what I say about things in general that I believe we are not through the trouble yet by a good deal.

Yes, that's the way it looks to me. I know that the good time is coming, but it may not get here for awhile yet. We are possibly not more than half through the trouble, and possibly the part ahead will be the worst.

But, I say again, listen! There is nothing at all in any of this to get scared at. Or at least, getting scared won't do any good. Getting scared at things never did do any good, nohow, and never will. What people need in a time like this is a steady nerve and a firm reliance on the Power that makes all things work together for good.

There is nothing more sure than that these things had to come, and that no power on earth could have helped it. The course of human events had reached a climax, and something had to happen. Men and nations had gone on violating the laws of nature and nature's God till there had to be a reckoning. With all its boasted wisdom and smartness the world was getting so utterly wicked and heathenish that it just had to be brought to its senses in some way. The sordid selfishness and grinding cruelty of the people had grown to be most lamentable. Very few thought of anything but self-interest and a chance to injure others. The corruption of the world was like a great boil. The foul pus of national and individual sin had been gathering and ripening for hundreds of years. It came to a head so that it had to be opened, and it took the sword to open it. The operation is very painful while it is going on, but it will feel good when it quits hurting.

Danger and Death.

The nearness of danger and death will humble and equalize people when nothing else will. The people of this present day had come to the point where they needed something to take them down a few notches and to get a little of the pride and selfishness out of them.

So the Great War came along. And it is cutting right into the hearts and souls of those who never had known a serious thought before. And reason teaches that they are better people because of it—more fit to live or to die.

We get used to the normal death-rate, as it takes one here and yonder among us, and we don't think much about it. But when it mows down thousands in a pile, we shudder and grow sick at heart. But there is really no difference, when you stop to think about it. The man who dies in battle has only died his own individual death, and he would have had to do that anyhow—sometime. The fact that thousands of others are dying around him at the same moment makes it look worse, but it isn't. If those men didn't die there all together they would have to die somewhere else, at different times and places It don't take any more dying in one case than the other.

If you could gather into one pile all that die from NATURAL causes in one day it would look like a terrible slaughter, and you would raise a howl and wonder what could be done about it. But because these deaths are widely scattered and you can't possibly hear about each individual case, you go whistling on your way and don't realize that they are happening at all.

And that's why wars have to come. That's why blood has to flow in the trenches, and corpses lie thick on the field. Because nothing short of that will make people stop and think, and examine their intermost souls, and get right with God!

BOUGHT AND PAID FOR.

The current of events is moving so fast these days that we find it almost impossible to keep up with it. While we are still wondering about one thing, something else flashes into view, and we are kept almost dizzy with excitement.

These are great days in which we are living, and I guess it may be a rare privilege to be living now. True, it is going to take every bit of nerve we've got to stand it, but if we prove equal to the task and live through it we will be stronger and better for the experience.

The very fact that this great war calamity has come upon this generation is proof to me that God knows we are able to stand it. Of course God didn't send the war, but He permitted it to come through the agency of evil men and evil nations. In the very nature of things it just had to be some time, and we are the people who happened to be on the stage of action when the thing came to a head. It don't change the force of my argument any to say that we brought it to a head, either. We are a superior generation in many ways—in knowledge and in nerve as well as in sin. And the very same brute strength that caused us to sin so terribly will also make us able to stand the consequences of it. Physical strength is a great blessing, and it is only a wrong use of it that causes trouble. We of this generation had the strength but we didn't know how to use it, hence we have gotten ourselves into a bushel of trouble. But God is going to use it to teach us a lesson, and from this on we will know how to use our strength. Even in a purely natural sense, I believe God never allows people to be burdened beyond what they are able to bear. And so the very fact that this thing has fallen upon US instead of some other generation is not only a proof of our wickedness, but a proof of our strength as well. God has confidence in our ability to see it through, and He expects every man to learn his lesson so thoroughly that future generations will never forget it.

If we could be able to view the entire course of earthly events as a connected whole—what is behind and what is ahead as well as the things now present—we might get a very different view of this war.

Think about it in this way:

There have been wars all through the ages, and little spells of peace in between. As some sarcastic writer has said: "Peace is an uninteresting interval between fights." If it could be averaged up, there have probably been more years of war than of peace on the earth. The wars of the past no doubt seemed big and terrible to those who had to live through them, but they were very small compared to this one. It seems that the price of peace has always been war and bloodshed. We might say that each war of the past was merely the price that the world paid for a little spell of peace. And the duration of peace in each case has usually been in proportion to the blood paid for it. Now if we apply that rule to the present great war we can see at a glance that a long, long period of peace has already been bought and paid for. For this war has already been at least forty times bigger than any other war in the world's history. But if we have to pay some more yet before it is finished, it only means that the peace will be that much longer.

And here's another thought: Other wars have affected only a few countries, and the peace that came after them only applied to a few countries. But this Great War is drawing blood and treasure from the entire world—almost every nation—and as a natural consequence the long, long peace that is to follow will be a World Peace.

God told Abraham that his seed should multiply and become as the sands of the sea, so that no man could number them. Now we are in the habit of thinking of the Jews as the only children of Abraham, but they have been numbered and their number is about thirteen million. A very small number compared to the rest of the world's population. It must be a fact that somebody else is the seed of Abraham and don't know it. What if it turns out to be us in America and the other English-speaking countries? What if we are among those who will constitute the restored Kingdom of Israel. It is worth thinking about, and it may throw a good deal of light on things that are happening.

Get This Book!

A new book entitled "Life's Better Way" has lately appeared from the able pen of Rev. W. E. Isenhour. It gives a true picture of what life ought to be now and what it will be in the coming New Age. Just to introduce it, I will mail you a copy for only 20 cts.

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JERUSALEM

And the Restoration of Israel.

For several years I have been trying to convince people that the city of Jerusalem would be delivered from the hands of the Turks, and that the Children of Israel would be restored to their own land and re-established as a nation. I have contended all along that no other promise in the Bible is so oft repeated or so much emphasized as this.

But the people laughed at me and shook their heads and said: "No, that will never be. All those promises you are talking about have only a spiritual meaning—they refer to something away up in the skies after we are all dead and gone. They don't refer to the literal earthly Jews at all, and when Jerusalem is mentioned it means a spiritual city up among the clouds somewhere."

That's the way they talked. And they were just as certain as anything that I was a plum fool for getting such notions in my head. They were actually afraid I would go to hell for trying to teach people that the Bible was talking about the earth instead of some visionary place up in the skies.

But now what are the wise "sky" people going to say? I wonder if they will undertake to prove that the British, French and Italian armies are just bags of air, and that the city of Jerusalem which they captured on the 0th of December is suspended up in the clouds by a paper string? I wonder if they will contend that the pledge given to the Jews by the British government and agreed to by all the other allies was merely the Man in the Moon [illegible] down a rain-barrel?

No, sir, they may just as well let up their "sky" racket and get down to earth. The things are happening right here.

First, let me give you a few verses from the various prophets to show how well they all agree about the literal restoration of Israel, and then I will prove to you by extracts from the secular press—the papers and magazines of to-day—that this prophecy is now being literally fulfilled right before our eyes.

Now here is a column or two of quotations from the various prophets, and I don't want you to go and skip over these verses, either. I want you to read them just as carefully as you would read the newspaper account of your Aunt Sally's wedding. Call in all your family and five or six of the neighbors and read these verses to them in about a ten-horsepower voice. And you'd better have your Bible handy and look 'em up to see that I ain't lyin' about it:

And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the Islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.—Isaiah 11:11-12.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.—Isaiah 35:1.

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.—Isaiah 52:8-9.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer.—Isaiah 54:7-8.

And they shall build the old wastes, and they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.—Isaiah 61:4-9.

But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.—Isaiah 65: 8.

In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.—Jer. 3:18.

And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries wither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord, Our Righteousness. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth which brought up the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north Country, and from all countries whither I have driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.—Jer. 23:3-8.

For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them and not pluck them up.—Jer. 24:6.

Behold, I will gather them out of all countries whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. For thus sayeth the Lord; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. —Jer. 32:37-42.

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and I will build them as at the first. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.—Jer. 33:7-14.

Therefore say, Thus sayeth the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.—Ezek. 11:17.

And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.—Ezek. 20:34.

And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.—Ezek. 20:42.

But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel, for they are at hand to come. —Ezek. 36:8.

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left around about you shall know that I the Lord built the ruined places, and plant that that was desolatd. I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.—Ezek. 36:24-37.

And say unto them, Thus sayeth the Lord God: Behold, I will take the Children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever. Moverover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my santuary in the midst of them for evermore.—Ezek 37:21-26.

For the Children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince. Afterward shall the Children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.—Hosea 3:4-5.

In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build him as in the days of old. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them: and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saiththe Lord thy God.—Amos 9:11-15.

And I will make her that halteth a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even forever.—Micah 4:7.

And I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all the people of the earth.—Zeph. 3:19-20.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. And it shall come to pass that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you and ye shall be a blessing Fear not, but let your hands be strong For thus saith the Lord of hosts, As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I repented not; so again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear ye not.—Zech. 8:7-15.

And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I shall save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them, and they shall be as though I had not cast them off.—Zech. 10:6.

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.—Zech. 14:9.

There! That's a plenty to convince ANYBODY that the Bible DOES say that the Children of Israel will be gathered back and established as a nation in their own land. I have just used a few scattering quotations, and there are plenty more of the same kind. Indeed, there is no other one subject in the Bible that occupies half as much space as this one. And it all refers to a future literal restoration of a literal people right here on this earth. I know you have been taught that all this was "spiritual" or "symbolical", and that it didn't mean what it said; but that's where you have been taught

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wrong. It DOES mean just what it says, and we are now going to turn to the current newspapers and magazines and see if we can't prove by them that it IS being fulfilled right now.

W. T. Massey, a British correspondent with the Palestine Army, thus describes in The New York Times the triumphal entry of the Allied armies into the Holy City:

"From the outskirts of Jerusalem the Jaffa road was crowded with people who flocked westward to greet the conquering general. Armenians and Greeks stood side by side with Moslems dressed in the brighter raiment of the East. The flat-topped roofs and balconies held many people crying aloud a general welcome, but it was in the streets where the cosmopolitan crowd had assembled that one looked for and obtained the real feeling of all the peoples. What astonished me were the cries of "Bravo!" and "Hurrah!" uttered by men who could hardly have spoken the words before. That the welcome was not artificial or manufactured I can testify, for quite close to the Jaffa Gate I saw three old Mohammedans with tears of joy coursing down their cheeks. They clapped their hands, their hearts too full to utter words."

In an editorial headed, "Zion and Zionism," the New York Independent of December 29 says:

"The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces has almost eclipsed the more important military operations in Europe. This is not unnatural, for besides the unique historical and religious interest attached to the City of David, its occupation is one of the landmarks of the war, for it means—if the Allies win—the establishment of a new nation on the face of the earth. If longing, faith and prayers have any potency such must be the outcome, for no exiled people have remained so long and so devotedly attached to the land of their forefathers as havethe Jews to Palestine. Now the restoration of the Chosen People to their Chosen Land seems imminent, for the prophicies have been substantiated by the promise of the most powerful alliance of nations that the world has even known. On Nov. 3rd last the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Arthur J. Balfour, wrote to Baron Rothschild, vice-president of the British Zionist Federation, as follows:

"'His Majesty's Government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use its best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rites of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.'"

In an article headed, "Looking Toward Zion," in The Christian Herald of Jan. 9, Richard Dobson says:

"The Jews have never yet renounced their claim on Jerusalem and the land of Judea. In all their long history of wanderings and sojournings they have looked with a longing eye toward Palestine, the land of their fathers. All through the long ages and multiplied generations the devout Jew has never failed to turn his face toward Jerusalem and pray for the return of his people to their own land. To the great mass of Jews the world over the hope of Israel's restoration is a real and true one. And the time has come, through the fortunes of war, when Judah is coming back to his own former inheritance. The Jews will soon occupy their own, and the land of Judea and all of Palestine will again blossom as the rose and bloom as the lily of the valley.

There are about thirteen million Jews in the world. Over one half of these millions live now in Eastern Europe. They are living at present in a very unsatisfactory condition. The end of the great war will bring about a culmination of Jewish upheavel and a mighty exodus to the land of Palestine. The war has already uprooted and broken up the homes of two millions of Jews in Eastern Europe. These two millions are certain to start for the Holy Land as soon as the way is open and safe. These alone will more than double the present population of the Holy Land. It is possible that the most of that homeless two millions will get into Palestine within one year after the war ends."

The secretary of the Hebrew-Christian Publication Society, of New York, writes:

"This war is a subject of Bible prophecy, and a large part of its permanent result will be the restoration of Israel to the land promised by Jehovah to our forefathers."

The Menace, of Aurora, Mo., says:

"We hope that one result of this war will be to give the Jew the freedom he deserves in every country, and a complete restoration to the land of his forefathers."

The Christian Science Monitor, of Boston, says editorially:

"The Government in London, and so, no doubt, the whole body of the Allies, favors the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. That the dream of the Zionists will therefore soon become a political reality there is no reason to doubt."

A writer in The Literary Digest says:

"The Jewish Morning Journal, of New York, gives the title of 'Messiah' to Great Britain, and says she is the first conqueror of the Holy City since the days of Cyrus to merit the title. The British Government has already pledged itself to the establishment of Palestine as a national home for the Jews, and Zionist the world over hail it as the realization of their hopes."

The same writer in The Literary Digest goes on and quotes from The Jewish Morning Journal as follows:

"Our holy ancient capital has many times fallen into the hands of a conquerer since the death of Joshua. But at no time has she fallen into hands other than Jewish under such circumstances as the present, and her passing into new hands has never had such deep interest for millions of Jews in other lands as this time. England is conquering Palestine for us. One must himself be a Jew and know the Holy Writ in the original language to grasp what it all means to the Jew who has not entirely estranged himself from his brethren. All questions about the future sovereignty over our ancient homeland are answered, and all doubt is dispelled. Palestine is now under the dominion of the Power which has promised to permit us to establish there a Jewish homeland, under the power which is allied with great and free America and with beautiful and lovely France to make the world safe for democracy, safe for the oppressed nationalities, for the homeless and wandering Jews, who are themselves not sure whether they are a nation or not. Let no one say any more that the world-war has brought us nothing or that our fallen brethren in the different armies have died in vain."

An editorial in The State Journal, Raleigh, N. C., says:

"It is with peculiar joy that the civilized world hears that Jerusalem has fallen into Christian hands after so many centuries of Moslem rule. **This joy is not only on account of religious sentiment, but because there is every reason to believe that an independent Jewish nation will becreated with Jerusalem as its capital. The United States and its Allies are fighting for the freedom and security of all nations, both small and great. A separate Jewish nation will be a valuable addition to the family of nations and the progress of civilization."**

LETTERS.

ALF NELSON, Barksdale, Texas.—Enclosed find $1.25. For the dollar put my name on your life-time list, and for the 25 cents send the paper to my friend, John Reagor, Sansom, Texas. If you make the paper a weekly and want more money from me let me know, for I don't want to miss a copy. You are the only man in the newspaper business in the world (so far as I know), who has exactly the same ideas about things that I have. I sure like your little paper and don't want to miss a single copy. If you make it a weekly at TWO dollars a year, I am on. You may send me a few sample copies to hand to my friends. My neighbors all call me the old Socialist, but I have long since come to the same conclusion you have about Socialism. We can't create a heaven on earth without the help of God, and God's way is not our way, and His way is the way it is going to be done.

Mrs. C. E. DIXON, Clear Springs, Mo.—Find enclosed 25 cents for which send me Good News, as a copy happened to be left at my house by a neighbor boy, and I was well pleased with it. I believe you are telling the truth, and your little paper is something everybody ought to read. Please send me some sample copies to distribute and I believe I can get up a club. I send sympathy and love to your afflicted wife.

J. W. SHERROD, R2, Columbia, La.—I am a recipient of your publication, Good News, and sure am pleased with the same, and to prove my sincerity I have made up a club of eight. The two pieces in the October issue, "Going Up" and "The Immortal Soul Idea," are well worth the price of your valuable paper. I am an admirer of Pastor Russell's writings, and anything along that line is highly appreciated by me. Yours for more light on the blessed old Book which has been misrepresented so much.

C. H. McMILLAN, L. R. 3, Box 76, Camilla, Ga.—I Subscribed for Good News two or three weeks ago and have now received my first copy and certainly like it. Yes, I certainly am highly pleased with it, so much so that I got right out the next day and took my Good News in my hand and showed it to a few of my neighbors and got a sub at every house I went to. So you will find enclosed 90 cents for a club of six who want more and more of this Good News to come into their homes, for now is the time we need it. I will try to hustle up a few more subs in the near future.

SCOTT W. SPRAGG, Duff, Nebr.—Enclosed find $1.20 for eight new subscribers. Am glad to send you these, and will do all I can for you. Keep right on in your good work. I am with you to the finish.

R. D. WOMACK, Sikes, La.—About a week ago I saw Good News for the first time, and considered it such good news that I began at once to pick up subscribers (which was no trouble) as almost everyone wanted the paper after seeing it. My brother I believe you are doing the greatest service to mankind of any man in the world. God speed you and your great work.

MRS. WILLIE TRULL, R2, Maben, Miss.—Here is $1.20. Send Good News to the eight addresses enclosed. We think it a wonderful little paper. I got a copy through the mail and liked it so well I wanted my friends to have it. So I began talking it and soon had a club of eight.

PERCY GLASCOCK, Albany, La.—Good News is 99 times better than any other paper I ever saw. I enjoyed reading the Fool-Killer for its fun, but this is no time for fun. I am sending you a bunch or five subs and 75 cents to pay for same.

MRS. PEARL SMITH, R3, Powder Springs, Ga.—I have got hold of a copy of Good News for July, 1917. I am very much interested in your talk and I want to subscribe for it one year. If you could find enough of the old copies back to July I would appreciate them very much if you will send them to me and date my sub back to July. It makes it more interesting to see the copies in their regular order. Wish I could get one every day.

G. T. LINZY, Okay, Ark.—I have received two numbers of Good News. I am glad you made the change. The Fool-Killer's roughness never did suit me, but the truth always appeals to me. I always knew there was something in your mind better than what you were handing out to us. I have been a Socialist a good while, but a little different from the most of them. I always thought I would find somebody who could explain the Bible like I believed it. I have argued all the time that this war was the one that the Bible spoke of as being world-wide. Am sending you 25 cents for a year's subscription to Good News.

W. E. AVERY, R2, Horton, Ala.—By chance the July, 1917, issue of your paper fell into my hands, and I am so much in sympathy with you and your views that I can't resist the impulse to subscribe for your paper. I have been believing and talking along the very line you advocate for some years, and the older I become the plainer this doctrine is to me. I certainly do agree with you in everything you say in your July issue. So please find enclosed 75 cents for five subs, beginning, if you can, with the Aug., 1917, issue.

A. C. LASSITER, Eldorado, Ark.—Find enclosed $1.35 for nine subs. Please send me a few samples to hand out. I like it fine. Keep the good work going like lightning till it spreads all over the world.

A. M. MEADS, Conway, Ohio.—I don't just fall in with all this you write, but I want to read it just the same. I'll not condemn till I see thoroughly through your ideas. This is a serious thing, effecting us all over the land, and every idea that is written will cause that many more people to study. And study and information is what we need.

J. G. VAN NOSTRAND, Fairview, Okla.—Will try to drop you a line in order to congratulate you on the turn you have made in your paper. Was very much pleased when I received the first number after the change. When the number before that came I told my wife I was not going to subscribe for it any more, as it didn't amount to anything. But, oh, when I got the next one it made my heart rejoice. I cannot express my feelings. I told my wife I wished I had a thousand dollars to help you along, but that is impossible. Wife and I are getting old and not able to work much, and no means of support, and wife is in bed like yours quite a bit of the time. I have been a believer in the sleep of the dead, the return of the Jews, the reign of Christ on earth, and kindred truths, for thirty years. And while I realize that we will see the darkest time that the world ever knew, I can see the gladdest morning just ahead of that. May we hold out faithful until the dawn appears, is my prayer.

Don't fail to read the long article in this issue about the restoration of Israel. It is rather long, but it is one of the most important things I have ever printed. Tote this copy of Good News around in your pocket and read it to everybody you see.

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ISRAEL.

[illegible] for thee,
[illegible] of the ages,
[illegible] blood all men may see
[illegible] red pages.

[illegible] was written large
[illegible] dream of nations,
[illegible] gave His angels charge
[illegible] all thy stations.

[illegible] led of God secure
Through all the unknown dangers,
Ye listened to ambition's lure,
And served the gods of strangers.

And then upon thy truant eyes
There fell an awful blindness,
So that ye failed to recognize
God's greatest deed of kindness.

[illegible] of Judah's slaughtered Lamb
Thy [illegible] hopes were shattered,
And thou, the seed of Abraham,
Through all creation scattered.

Oh, sadder than all tragic tales
That touch our hearts to pity,
Arose thy never-ending wails
For thy lost Holy City.

For every land hath been to thee
Gethsemene's sad garden,
And many a red Golgotha tree
Hath pleaded for thy pardon.

But now, forgetting all the past,
Its age-long tragic story,
Thou shalt be gathered home at last
In all thy former glory.

For Judah's sun is in the east,
And Isreal's dawn in breaking;
The night of wandering has ceased,
And Zion's hope is waking.

When broke is the oppressor's rod,
And all thy wrongs adjusted,
Thou wilt not doubt the Living God
In whom thy fathers trusted.

Thou who hast borne the exile's brand
Through ages of oppression,
Behold to-day thy Promised Land—
Thy dearly-bought possesession.

Now let thy hand reach out and take
Thy harp from off the willow;
No more the thorn thy bed shall make,
No more the stone thy pillow.

But pleasant paths in valleys sweet,
By Zion's living waters,
Shall bless at last the bleeding feet
Of Israel's wandering daughters.

Say not thy hopes are burned away
To silent dying embers;
Lift up thy smiling face and say:
"God lives, and still remembers!"

—James Larkin Pearson.

The way the subs to the Weekly Good News are rolling in, it won't be long till we'll be ready to start it up. We are going to make Good News the greatest paper in the world first thing you know.

Once in awhile I find it necessary to sorter drop back into my old "Fool-Killer style" of writing—for instance, as in handling the Eternal Torment question in this issue. You can't reason with some people about such things, and argument takes no effect on them, so the only chance is to ridicule it out of 'em.

THIS BROTHER WANTS HIM SOME HELL.

Mr. James Larkin Pearson Editor
Good News
Boomer, N. C.

My Dear Friend:—

Will you be kind enough to find space in the next issue of the Good News to print this answer to your assertion to the future punishment, somehow I feel as though you owe this to your readers, now, understand my dear friend I am not after any contraversy nor do I wish to carry on any argument through the columns of your paper, but in justice to man kind ~~I~~ think you owe the readers of your paper this chance to see the other side of your arugment.

Out of justice to your readers I ask that you retrace your steps and see if your mind can't be convinced that you are a little wrong, now I am not trying to criticise your writing but I so much differ with you that I wish for you to consider my answer to your writing.

In your paper of Dec. 1917 you make some very startling statements. You seem to have found out things that the learn men of all ages sought after. In the translation of the bible, I am told they sought the best learned men of the day. Yes, they had the Greek, the Hebrew and the Latin Scholars and upon them fell almost the greatest responsibility that ever rested upon man and I for one believe they were guided by an All Wise Hand and now comes the news fresh from your pen that all these men were mistaken which would infer that all the English speaking people have been mislead and you seem to have been mislead first by that Blessed Old Church, the Baptist. What a pity.

Now, Mr. Good News, lest get down to business, you make the statement that there is no future punishment and no hell for the wicked hereafter and the bible says there is. Who shall we believe? You or the Bible. Come let us reason together. We will read a few verses from the Old Testament and from the New. No doubt you have read them from your boyhood up.

1. "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you. Depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Matthew 7:23.

2. "And these shall go away everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."—Matthew 25:46.

3. "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."—Rev. 14:10.

4. "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."—Luke 16:23.

5. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."—2nd Peter 2:9.

6. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."—Psalms 9:17.

7. "For a fire is kindled in mine anger and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase and set on fire the foundations of the mountains."—Deut. 32:23.

REV. G. W. McELROY,
College Park, Ga

All right, Mr. McElory, there is your answer in actual print. I hope you are proud of it. I could have corrected your spelling and punctation some, but I thought maybe you wanted it to go just like you wrote it. So there it is, and you are perfectly welcome to any satisfaction you can get out of it.

And now I guess it's my turn again. You say you don't want to start any controversy, but you have started one, whether you wanted to or not. So just have a seat over there and pull your whiskers while I say my little piece.

I hate to accuse a preacher of telling stories, but my dictionary don't contain any nicer word that I can use. In one paragraph of your "answer" you accuse me of making the statement that there is no future punishment and no hell for the wicked hereafter. I beg your pardon, but I have never made any such statement. I only said, and I repeat it here, that there is no ETERNAL TORMENT. Of course I believe in a hotter hell than you do. I believe in a hell so hot that it will KILL its victims and burn them up entirely.

Now let's look at the verses you quote to prove that eternal torment is right. I have numbered them from one to seven so as to make them easier to refer to in my reply.

1st. No eternal torment in that verse. Not a word said about it.

2nd. Can't you distinguish between punishMENT and punishING? The punishment (which is death) will be so thoroughly done and so complete that the victim will never get over it. Therefore it will be eternal in its results. It will be an everlasting job, because it will never have to be done over again. That is why the words "everlasting" and "eternal" are used in connection with the punishment. Notice carefully that it says the righteous shall go into life eternal. The plain purpose of that is to show the contrast between the two conditions, and anybody with even half sense knows that the opposite of life is death. If the wicked are to have eternal life too, why in the name of sense don't it say so? What would be the use to make such a statement about one and not about the other? If I know anything about what language means, the assertion that the righteous are to get eternal life leaves it to be understood that the wicked will get the opposite of eternal life, which is certainly eternal death.

3rd. No eternal torment there, either. It says he shall be tormented, but says nothing about how long the torment will last. You must have been getting pretty scarce of argument when you put that verse in, for it certainly don't help your cause nary bit.

4th. You fellers have used the Rich Man and Lazarus to keep your hell going till you have just about wore 'em out. That's your old stand-by. If everything else fails, you will still cling to that. Well, suppose we just give it up and admit that the Rich Man died and went straight on to hell. Of course he didn't wait for the judgment, but entered into his torment right away as soon as he died. And he looked up to heaven and saw Lazarus up there in Abraham's bosom. Now haven't you been preaching all this time that heaven is away-way up yonder several million miles? And haven't you also preached that hell is down below somewhere? That puts hell and heaven a mighty long distance apart. Now please explain to me how a man in hell with his eyes full of brimstone smoke could look up through all those countless millions of miles and see as small a thing as a man well enough to recognize him? Why, the planet Jupiter is not half way to heaven, according to you folks. But, although it is twelve hundred times as big as this earth, it don't look much bigger than a pound of butter. How big would a man look at that distance? Then again, what was Lazarus doing in Abraham's bosom? That's a mighty strange place for a grown man to be. Does everybody that goes to heaven crawl right into Abraham's bosom. If so, Uncle Abe must have a pretty sizable bosom to hold so many. Or was Lazarus a special case that Abraham was appointed to look after? I'd just love to know. Hold on! There's something else. The Rich Man and Abraham talked to each other, didn't they? My! That beats the wireless telephone all to pieces. And yet you would have me believe that this is a literal report of an incident that actually happened. Well, I just don't believe it. Some day I will write an article and explain just what the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus DOES mean. The fact is, it don't have any reference to what you think it does.

5th. Hello here! In your 4th reference (about the Rich Man and Lazarus—which I have just been discussing above) I thought you had it all settled that the wicked dead went right on to hell and began to be punished as soon

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In spite of the freeze-up and delay, the new subs to Good News just keep on coming right along. Under such conditions any other paper would have been stone dead long ago. It certainly proves that my readers have confidence in my good intentions, anyhow.

I find that all kinds of different sects and organizations are coming around to see a few things as I see them. The Russell people all over the world are nearly in harmony with me ;the Dowieites at Zion City, Ill., are teaching the same truths about the Restitutiontion and the New Age; so are the Mormons and the Israelites. And even the old creed-bound orthodox people are beginning to get their eyes open just a little.

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The Weekly Good News will be started just as soon as enough subs have been received at 50 cents a year to enable me to get the Linotype Machine. They are coming in at a very satisfactory rate. Keep it up. Remember that subs to the weekly sent in now, before the weekly starts, cost only fifty cents a year. This is only an advance offer. After the weekly starts it will cost more. So send 'em in now.

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James E. Howell, J. P.

My commission expires in 1921.

"THE END OF TIME."

Lots of people ask me if I believe the present great trouble in the world indicates the near approach of the "End of Time." I tell them "No." In fact, there is never going to be any "End of Time" in the sense that most people suppose. One Age, or Dispensation, of time ends, and another begins, but time goes right on, and will go on forever. But they say, "Oh, no, that will be Eternity." Yes, and it will be time, too. Eternity is only an endless continuation of time.

Time is just like space, and they are both infinite and endless. It is just as impossible for time to end as it is for space to end. Where nothing else exists there is empty space, and the more nothing you have the more empty space you have. And it is just so with time. You can stop the clock, and make it quit recording the hours as they pass, but that don't stop the passage of time nary bit. Our sun is just a big clock that marks off the days and years for us. If this entire solar system that we live in, including our sun, should some time be blotted out of existence, it wouldn't amount to any more than stopping the clock. Time would go right on, and there would be other suns and systems to record its passage.

People haven't learned yet to think in terms of infinity. They consider our little speck of earth and our little minute of time as the whole thing. Knowing that our affairs here are transitory and of brief duration, they suppose that when our little clock stops it is all over. But not so. Time is cut up into sections, and each section is like a moving picture film. It has just so long to run, and when the reel is empty, that is the end of it. But just because one film runs out is no sign the show is over. The operator always has another reel ready.

We are just about to the end of one film now. We are getting to where it is pretty ragged and the picture looks mighty bad. But God is going to put on a new reel pretty soon and show us the most beautiful picture of peace and happiness that this old earth has ever seen.

It isn't best to follow too blindly the lead of any mortal man, no matter how smart or how good you think he is. I know lots of people who are smart enough to do all right and just as GOOD as any need of, but they do have some of the gone-by-est beliefs.

Some people say they would like to believe what I say about the coming of a glorious Millennial age of peace and happiness on earth, but they can't find it taught in the Bible. The reason they can't find it is because they are trying to look through their old denominational spectacles. The Bible is plum full of it.

JUST US.

The purpose of this column is merely to keep you folks out in the world a little more intimately acquainted with us here at home—in and around the print shop and over the farm where Good News is made. For you must know we are away out in the woods, several miles from a railroad, at a place where nobody would ever expect to find a big printing and publishing office.

And so, from time to time, I will give you in this column little intimate glimpses of who we are and what we are doing here.

I believe I want you to get acquainted with us by our first names. My wife's name is Cora—she is the invalid, you know. She is a heap better Christian than I am, and a better writer, too, if she was able. Her education is superior to mine, and her literary style is hard to beat. But she don't often feel able to write much now, except a few personal letters. That's Cora, and she is worth knowing, if I do say it myself.

Cora and most of the neighbors call me "James." Occasionally somebody will actually call me "Mr. Pearson," but they don't mean any harm by it. John calls me "Jim"—just like that. John is my six-foot brother who has charge of the machinery and carpenter work about the place. He never took to books like I did—his mind running rather to tools and machinery—and so he don't take much stock in the literary phase of the business. But he has his place, and fills it very well.

Now Pa and Ma—they both call me "Jimmie." They must have begun it when I was about the size of a rag doll, and to them I am just a boy yet. They don't realize that I am 38 years old.

The articles in this issue have been gotten up in a great hurry. I think it contains some pretty good stuff, but very likely the composition is not as good as common.

Be sure and read my "Great Pyramid" article in this issue. And not only read it, but show it around among your friends and see what they think about it. There will be other articles on the subject from time to time.

Three other readers besides Mr. McElory have written me protesting against my stand on the "Eternal Torment" question. I hope my answer to the Georgia preacher will serve as an answer to all of them.

There will be a peace conference after awhile, and you can learn a heap by just keeping your eye on the Pope of Rome. If he or his representatives are given a seat at the peace table you can get ready for about seven years more of trouble. Any peace with the Pope in it will not be a real peace. You can paste that in your hat.

This Brother Wants Him Some Hell.

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as they died. At least, that was what you were TRYING to prove. And now here you come with a verse that says they are to be "reserved unto the day of judgment to be punished." What do you think the word "reserve" means, anyhow? We read about the "reserve forces" in the army, and it means those soldiers who are HELD BACK behind the lines and not put into the fighting yet. So if the wicked are being "reserved unto the day of judgment to be punished," it certainly proves that they are not being punished, and will not be punished, BEFORE the judgment. This verse agrees exactly with what I believe, and it completely knocks the socks off of your other argument. It speaks of a punishment at or after the judgment, but it don't say a word about how long the punishment is to continue. Why, Mr. McElroy, I am surprised at you. If you were to argue for cheese you wouldn't get a smell.

6. Why, sure! I have never disputed that. But what kind of a "hell" could you put a NATION into? Notice carefully that it is not talking about individuals, but NATIONS. And when the word nation is used it generally refers to a political government. Now please explain to me how you could take a political government and cast it into your eternal burning hell. It couldn't be done. When God wants to destroy a wicked government He just wipes it out entirely so that it don't exist anywhere. Look at the ancient nations that forgot God. Where are they today? They simply don't exist. And the wicked nations of this present day are now being wiped out in the same way. They are getting their "hell." A few years from now many of them will not be in existence at all.

7th. Yes, "consume" is the word. That is the very thing I have been insisting on all the time, while you have been trying to argue that they will burn on and on through eternity and never be consumed. I declare, every time you open your mouth you put your foot in it. If I was in your place I'd hush.

Get This Book!

A new book entitled "Life's Better Way" has lately appeared from the able pen of Rev. W. E. Isenhour. It gives a true picture of what life ought to be now and what it will be in the coming New Age. Just to introduce it, I will mail you a copy for only 20 cts.

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THE GREAT PYRAMID

[illegible] with my an[illegible] in the January issue [illegible] I will now under[illegible] you an account of the [illegible] in all the world. [illegible] day of modern won[illegible] nothing to equal it. [illegible] wonderful building that I [illegible] in my article, "The [illegible] Witness," is known [illegible] Great Pyramid of Gizeh. [illegible] in the land of Egypt, [illegible] location in that land is very [illegible]. It is at the center of [illegible] and also at the edge of [illegible]. You will find a reference [illegible] in the 19th chapter of Isaiah, [illegible] 19 and 20, as follows:

> In that day shall there be an altar [illegible] the Lord in the midst of the land [illegible] Egypt, and a pillar at the border [illegible] thereof to the Lord. And it shall be [illegible] a sign and for a witness unto [illegible] Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt. Isaiah 19:19-20.

Here is another scripture refer[illegible] to it. The language could [illegible] possibly refer to anything [illegible] except the Great Pyramid:

> The Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, [illegible] his name, who has set signs and [illegible] wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day.—Jeremiah 32:18-20.

The land of Egypt is almost exactly in the shape of a fan. The shore of the Mediterranean Sea forms a perfect quarter circle, and two lines drawn from each end of the circle along the borders of Egypt will meet at a central point and form the exact outline of a lady's fan. And it is right at [illegible] central point—the part of the [illegible] that is held in the hand when [illegible] that the Great Pyramid [illegible] located. It is at the very edge [illegible] the land, and yet it can properly be said to be in the center [illegible]. And besides all that, it is [illegible] in the very center of the land [illegible] surface of the whole earth. The selection of the location must have been the result of divine [illegible].

The ancients gave account of [illegible] wonders of the world, and [illegible] the very head of the list they [illegible] the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. No other building in the world equals it in point of size. [illegible] of the leading granite men [illegible] this country who made a personal inspection of the Great Pyramid, says:

> "I saw a stone whose estimated weight was 880 tons. There are stones in it thirty feet in length which fit so closely together that you may run a penknife over the surface without discovering the joint between them. They are not laid with mortar, either. There is now no machinery so perfect that it will make two surfaces thirty feet long which will meet together as those wonderful stones in the Great Pyramid meet."

It covers about thirteen acres of ground. It is 486 feet high, and 764 feet broad at its base. It is estimated to weigh six million tons. To move it would require six thousand steam engines each pulling one thousand tons. From these facts it is very certain that it was meant to be an enduring monument.

Generation after generation has come and gone. They have looked and figured, guessed and studied with amazement—but all to no purpose. The mystery remained unsolved. And in many ways it is a mystery yet. But in recent years it has been studied from different standpoints and some wonderful things have been discovered. The veil has been lifted enough to expose a few of its hidden treasurers, and we have good reason to believe that it contains many more.

Men of science have visited the Great Pyramid, and taken measurements, and studied it long and carefully. The first thing that was discovered, aside from the simple wonder of its magnitude, was the fact that it revealed a wonderful knoweldge of astronomy and other sciences. This discovery was made by Mr. John Taylor, of England, in 1859. Since that time many able minds have been directed to the study of the testimony of this wonderful "Witness". Prof. C. P. Smyth, Astronomer Royal for Scotland, spent several months taking measurements and studying the Great Pyramid from a purely scientific standpoint. Prof. Smyth wrote a book about it, the title of which is: "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid." Many of the facts and figures given in this article were taken from that book.

That was one step. But a few years later a still longer step was taken in the direction of reading the hidden message that the Pyramid contains. A young Scotchman by the name of Robert Menzies was studying the scientific teachings of the Pyramid, and happened to discover an entirely new line of truth. Menzies found that prophetic and chronological teachings were hidden in it, and that it is as important a witness to divine truth as to natural science.

The discovery of the prophetic and chronological features came about through the efforts to find out when the Pyramid was built. Prof. Smyth, working from his scientific and astronomical basis, had reached the conclusion that it was built about the year 2170 B. C. But before telling how Smyth got that date, I must go back and give a few details about the structure itself.

The Pyramid stands on a solid foundation of natural rock. The rock was levelled off and made perfectly true and smooth before the building was started. Then the great hewn stones were brought and put in place. It is not merely a wall built up, but it is solid through and through. There is no hollow space in it anywhere except three or four little passages and rooms, and they are of very peculiar construction. It is built in perfect pyramid shape—that is, sloped off gradually from a large base to a point at the top. Each layer of stone constitutes a step, and the next layer drops back a little, thus making each successive layer that much smaller around, until it finally tapers off on all sides to a sharp point at the top. That is the shape of it. And remember it is solid through and through, with the exception of the few little passages and rooms that I spoke of a bit ago. There is only one outside entrance, and that is on the north side and several feet from the bottom. And that entrance don't go straight in like you might suppose, but starts right downward at a pretty steep grade—perhaps 35 degrees or more. This passage is low and narrow and dark. It slopes on down to the solid rock foundation, and then goes right on THROUGH the rock at the same downward angle for about a hundred feet further and jumps off into a "pit". This pit has smooth, polished sides and top, but the bottom is very rough and jagged, having sharp, uneven corners of rock sticking up all over it so that it is very difficult to get about over. This unfinished bottom very naturally suggested the thought of the "Bottomless Pit."

This first passage, as I have said, slopes downward. But just before it gets to the bottom of the masonry work, another passage branches off from it and goes UPWARD at about the same angle that the first one goes DOWNWARD. This upward passage is also low and narrow and difficult to climb. Being only four feet high, a man can't walk straight in it. But after going on for a considerable distance the overhead ceiling suddenly rises to 28 feet high—just seven times as high as the other part. But it goes on up at the same angle, and finally enters a fairly large room with beautiful polished floor and walls. More about all these things later. Now we will go back to Prof. Smyth and see how he figured out the date when the Pyramid was built.

Going down into the descending passage and looking back up it, Prof. Smyth conceived the idea that it resembled a telescope pointing up toward the Northern heavens. Of course the telescope, so far as we know, is a modern invention, and it isn't at all likely that they knew anything about such an instrument in the olden times. But anyhow, Prof. Smyth held on to his idea that the passage represented a telescope. And he reasoned that if it did, then it must have pointed to some notable star or constellation at the time it was built. Accordingly he began to calculate backward through the long ages to see if he could discover when any star had been at that particular spot in the heavens. To us who are not educated in such things, it seems very wonderful that astronomers can do that, but they can. They can calculate backward and tell just exactly where any star was many thousands of years ago. and so Prof. Smyth discovered that in the year 2170 B. C., his "telescope" was pointed directly toward the Dragon Star. Of course we naturally conclude that the Dragon Star is an evil star, and that any influence it might have on the earth would be a bad influence.

Having started out with the "telescope" idea, Smyth decided to try it out on the ascending passage that points upward toward the southern heavens. By the same method of calculation he found that this upward passage was pointing on the same date (2170 B. C.) directly toward the Pleiades—what we common folks call the Seven Stars. Now it is believed by many of the smartest astronomers that the Pleiades is the center of the whole universe, or at least it is believed to be the center around which our sun and all of its attendant family moves. And besides being the center of everything for us, the Pleiades is supposed to exert some kind of a GOOD influence over the earth. The Bible gives us a pretty plain hint that such is the case.

> Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?—Job 38:31.

Thus we see that the influences that come from the Seven Stars are sweet and good, and also that they are strong and powerful.

Seeing, then, how the two passages corresponded as to date, Astronomer Smyth made up his mind that the Pyramid was built on that date, 2170 B. C.

Perhaps several different people had taken careful measurements of the passages, and finally Robert Menzies conceived the idea that these measurements or distances along the passage ways

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might possibly indicate the passage of time. He thought it probable that a passage so many inches long represented so many years along the course of time. He believed that the downward entrance passage represented the general world, and that the first upward passage represented the Mosaic period under the law and leading up to the birth of Christ. He believed that the point where the ceiling rose to 28 feet high represented the birth of Christ and the beginning of the Gospel Age.

Menzies suggested this thought to Smyth, and Smyth saw at a glance that if the Menzies theory was correct, then the measurement in inches would also prove when the Pyramid was built. Beginning at the Birth-of-Christ point (where the ceiling rises) and measureing down along the Mosaic hall to its junction with the entrance hall, and then upward to the outside entrance on the north side of the Pyramid, the number of inches would express the date when the Pyramid was built. He had already figured it out by astronomy that it was built in 2170 B. C. Now would the number of inches from that high ceiling point to the outside entrance door show the same figures? This was a breathless test, but if the Menzies theory was right the figures would correspond.

So the end of the measuring line was laid at the point where the high ceiling sets in (the Birth-of-Christ point) and stretched downward along the Mosaic hall to where it joined the other hall. They found the distance to be 1542 inches. They had already gone back 1542 years from the Birth of Christ, according to the Menzies theory. So they measured from that point on up the entrance hall to the outside entrance. It was 628 inches. They had gone 628 years further back form the birth of Christ. Adding the two numbers together (1542 and 628) they had 2170—exactly the same number that Prof. Smyth had reached by his calculations in astronomy. This was positive proof that each inch in the hallways represented a year, and that the Pyramid was built in 2170 B. C.

Having proved the inch-year theory to be correct, it became clear as day that the Divine purpose in this arrangment was to mark off and designate the lengths of the different dispensations of time. Could it be possible, they thought, that here in this great stone structure was a complete diagram of the ages, telling when one would end and another begin? It all seemed wonderful beyond comprehension, and yet it must be a fact. There was no way to get around it. Then they began to apply this newfound rule to see what it would teach them. They reasoned that if the downward entrance passage represents the course of the general world from the beginning, then the point where the second passage branches off from the first and starts upward must represent the call of Abraham—the point in time where the Chosen People were set apart for a special work in the world. There was some question as to just when the separate history of the Chosen People should begin. Some said it was when Moses led them out of Egypt and started for the Promised Land. Thus while the call of Abraham was evidently their real origin as a separate people, we must remember that they wandered in the wilderness for over 400 years before really getting started on their career. That made the measurements of the Moasic hall a little confusing, but still there was no denying that it must represent the Law Dispensation, which was thus understood to have begun in the year 1542 B. C.

Still holding the inch-year theory to be correct, don't you see how easy it would be to begin measuring the Grand Gallery at the birth of Christ point where the ceiling rises to 28 feet, and find out just how many years the Gospel Age was to last? At the upper end of the Grand Gallery there is a "step" which rises three feet straight up. And from the top of that "step" the floor runs level for a very short distance further and stops at the low entrance to a small room called the Ante-Chamber. Now this "step" makes it possible to get three different measurements of the Grand Gallery, depending on whether the "step" is taken into the measurement or not. By measuring step and all and leaving out nothing it brings us right up to the date 1914, the beginning of the Great War, and strongly indicates that right there was at least the beginning of the end of this present age or dispensation. Of course the general world will refuse to believe, even now, that it is the end. But what if it was to be so? To me it seems almost a certainty.

In the above paragraph we have seen only the testimony of the upward passage. Now we are going to examine the downward passage, and we will find exactly the same testimony repeated. We have already established the fact that the place where the Mosaic hall runs into the Grand Gallery represents the birth of Christ. If any further proof was needed it is given in the fact that just 33 inches further on there is a rough hole in the floor which has the appearance of having been bursted out by an explosion from beneath. This certainly represents the resurrection of Christ—the bursting of the bonds of death. Note that the 33 inches between the end of the Grand Gallery and the hole in the flour, just exactly fits the 33 years of Christ's life on earth from his birth to his resurrection.

So there we have the birth of Christ as one absolutely sure point to measure from. Now let us measure backward down the first ascending passage to its junction with the entrance passage at that point. This measure is 1542 inches, and indicates the year 1542 B. C. Next we must measure down the entrance passage from that point and find the distance to the entrance of the "Pit," which evidently means the great time of trouble and destruction to come upon the world. The distance is 3457 inches, indicating 3457 years from the date B. C. 1542. Now we merely have to subtract the portion of this lying back of the birth of Christ—which, as you know, is 1542 years—and we have 1915 as the time indicated for the world to jump off into the "pit" of trouble. According to that the trouble came about six months ahead of tine, but that much could be allowed for a possible error in measurement or in keeping our time records. The important thing to remember is that the Pyramid comes so near hitting the exact date when the trouble started that we can no longer doubt that this IS the GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE foretold by the prophets. And if that be the ease, we know that it means the END of things as we have heretofore konwn them. It means that all the Gentile governments of earth have run their course and MUST go down. They will kick and struggle and try mighty hard to hold on to the reigns of power. But it is no use. If God's time for these governments to end has come (and it looks mighty much like it to me) then there is no use to argue or fuss any more about it. Their days are numbered and their doom is sealed. A little while longer will prove whether the Great Pyramid is a true witness. In the meantime those who want to be on the safe side had better not depend too much on the chance of its being a mistake. I tell you, folks, this is worth thinking about.

LETTERS.

J. S. BARNES, Boomer, N. C.—Enclosed is 50 cents or fGood News one year. I should have sent it sooner, but have neglected until now. Hope you will get it going weekly. Wish I was able to help you fifty dollars instead of fifty cents. The last one was good.

C. D. ADAMS, RFD 5, Eastman, Ga.—A friend of mine handed me a copy of Good News a few days ago, and I was surprised to note the great change in the paper. I was once a subscriber to The Fool-Killer. I liked it fine, but it was nothing to compare with Good News. Your journal is the only paper I know of in all the world that has been converted from a secular paper into an organ for the great KINGDOM OF CHRIST. I feel that I should congratulate you on this great change. Your paper will now be in a position to do more good for the lost and dying world than all the political and so-called religious papers of the United States combined. Nearly all other journals that I know of continue to advocate war and blood-shed and other schemes of corruption. You have only done what they will have to do soon, or go to oblivion. The King is going to force one and all to give honor to Him and bow to His righteous Kingdom. I want to congratulate you again for taking the lead on this direction. Others will have to follow—they cannot lead. I am unable to find words appropriate to express my gratitude for the lofty ideals exemplified by yourself, in this great reformation of the secular press of the world. Probably you are not able to realise at present the power of this demonstration. I wish you much success in your undertaking. I will assure you of my hearty co-operation. I wish I was in position to take the field for your paper. I am sending you a few subs. Just as soon as I am in position I will send more. I am at your service in any way you can use me in the advancement of the KINGDOM. I am the author of "The Candlesticks," a little book of 268 pages, written in 1913 and published in 1914. It is dedicated to the Kingdom and shows that the Kingdom is at hand. It would possibly be of some interest to you in your work. Will send you one of them some time shortly.

C. A. MONROE MEADOWS, Deer, Ark.—Dear Mr. Pearson:—When you were editor of The Fool-Killer you wrote like a philosopher, but as editor of Good News you write like an inspired prophet. I am a thorough practical, skilled, all-round newspaper man. The Fool-Killer was "positive—good," yea, it was "comparative—better;" but Good News is "superlative—best," and the brightest star in the journalistic constellation. The name is most appropriate for a journal that occupies a specific field. I am the circulation and advertising manager of the Newton County Times, and you wil get many big clubs from me.

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MRS. THOMAS DOOLIN, Judsonia, Ark.—Enclosed find 75c to pay for Good News to the accompanying addresses. All who have had the pleasure of reading your little paper like it very much. Please send me some of your back numbers also and when I read will gladly hand them around to others. I think Good News will do many a great deal of good.

J. W. HAMMOCK, Gillham, Ark.—I have just happened to get hold of a copy of your good little paper which is good news to me, for it is just what I have been looking and longing for a long time. I used to take The Fool-Killer, and it did tickle me to see you kill all kinds of fools. I think The Fool-Killer was alright and very appropriate in its day, and now I think the time for Good News just as appropriate. I feel sure that you are caled to a noble work in publishing the Good News.

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J. D. USSERY, Lyons, Ga.—I have been reading your paper for the past three years Every year I grow more fond of it. It is so much more interesting than The Fool-Killer. I am now sending in my subscription with four others.

W. P. BARLEY, Arlington, Kans.—I just got hold of the December number of Good News, and I sure enjoyed reading it. So I am sending you a club of five. And would be pleased to have it begin with the January number if possible. Hope you may live long to help enlighten the people.

Mrs. R. E. SNYDER, 408 West Henley St., Olean, N. Y.—Enclosed find money order to pay for a club of five to Good News. Start our subscriptions with January if possible. I happened to see a sample copy and I think it is one grand little paper. I like so well what you say and the simplicity in which you say it. I wish every one could read Good News, for it is indeed good news. May God bless you and your paper.

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THE MILLENNIAL AGE.

The January issue of Good News showed that the literal restoration of literal Israel to their promised land—Palestine—is one of the prominent subjects talked about in the Bible. And then I went on to show from present developments of the war and from current newspaper comment that the prophecies concerning a literal restoration are already beginning to be literally fulfilled.

Now in this article I want to give you some idea of what sort of a world it will be during the next thousand years, during which time the devil will be bound and Christ will be the supreme ruler of the earth.

I don't ask you to take my word for it, but please read the scriptures that I will quote in this article. And first in order is a famous one from Isaiah:

> And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and many nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Isaiah 2:2-4.

The word "mountain" in prophecy nearly always means "government." So the "mountain of the Lord's house" is the "government of the Lord's house", and it is to be "established in the top of the mountains"—that is, it will tower above all the other governments in power and importance. The "hills" spoken of are the small governments, and the new government is to be exalted far above them.

The above language quoted from Isaiah is repeated almost word for word in the 4th chapter of Micah. There is a class of people who have tried awful hard to blot out this beautiful picture by twisting it around and trying to make it appear that "many people" are saying it, and that the people are mistaken—that the true conditions will be just the opposite. Read the first verse of the chapter and see how this picture is introduced. You see it is the word that God put into Isaiah's mouth concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Not a syllable to indicate that it is the idle gossip of some "people" and that they have got it all wrong. No sir, these are God's words, and they are true: Now read Micah 4:1-4. There you see the same picture, and it winds up by saying: "For the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." That surely is plain enough to convince anybody that the glorious conditions outlined in these verses are not merely the idle dreams of "many people," but the plain and positive word of God—the very conditions that He proposes to bring to pass.

The center of all this is going to be in Jerusalem—the literal Jerusalem over yonder in Palestine—where Jesus Christ will have charge of things. There will still be other nations in the world, and Christ is going to "rebuke strong nations afar off." The United States is a strong nation, and it is "far off" from Jerusalem, hence we will very likely be one of the strong nations afar off that will be rebuked. This nation will still be standing here and will still have its capital at Washington, but it will have to take orders from Jerusalem. Whenever our government at Washington does something that is not in acordance with divine right and justice, there will come a "rebuke" from Jerusalem that will straighten things out in a hurry.

In that glorious time (which I belive is now almost ready to dawn) there will not be any more war, and more than that, there will not be any armies drilling up and down the land "learning war." "Neither shall they learn war any more."

But don't take my word for it. Go to the inspired prophets and see what they say:

> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever.—Isaiah 9:6-7.

> The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (government); for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isaiah 11:6-9.

Take particular notice that the above is talking about the EARTH, and not about some visionary place up in the skies. "For the EARTH shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Surely we can all agree that there never has been such a condition on the earth YET, hence it must be FUTURE.

> The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.—Isaiah 35:1-6.

> There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. For as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.—Isaiah 65:20-22.

You see from the above that the elect are going to build houses and plant vineyards and do variosu kinds of work during that age, and they shall "long enjoy the work of their hands."

> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.—Jeremiah 23:5.

Don't forget to notice as you go along that this all applies to the EARTH—not away up yonder above Jupiter somewhere.

> And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord.—Jeremiah 31:34.

> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed, and the mountatins shall drop sweet wine.—Amos 9:13.

> And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.—Micah 4:8.

I could go on and on with these quotations, but this is enough. Certainly there is a good time coming on this earth, and I am glad to believe that the day of its beginning is not far away.

One man writes advising me to keep myself free from all sects and isms and not tie myself to any man-made creed nor accept any man's views, but go straight to the Bible and stay there. And then before he finished his letter he was just pawing the air trying to make me accept HIS views. There is consistency for you.

People who pretend to love God, and who claim that He is a good God, yet go through life charging Him with things that even the German Kaiser wouldn't do.

Think About This.

If you have not made a careful study of the "Times of the Gentiles" and the "seven times" punishment of Israel, it would pay you to do so. These periods began together in 606 B. C., ran along together for 2520 years, and ended together in 1914. We have already seen the first steps taken toward the restoration of Israel, and we will see the rest of it if we live three or four more years. Just keep your eye on the Jew. And also keep a sharp lookout for the "Lost Tribes of Israel," as they will join with the Jew and will have a big part in the new government. There is strong evidence that the English-speaking peoples of the world are part of the Lost Tribes, and if so we will be among the favored class in the final reckoning. America is now helping to bind the devil, which indicates that she belongs on the Lord's side. Let every American be true and loyal to his government in this time of trial, for the victory we are fighting for is going to be greater than even President Wilson has ever dreamed of. I am thinking it will not be just the kind of a victory the Allies are looking for but it will be greater and better than any living statesman has dared to hope for.

TO BIBLE STUDENT WRITERS

I am accumulating a great quantity of good contributed matter that I will print just as soon as the Weekly paper starts. In some instances the writers may not express my own views exactly, but I propose that my policy shall be broad enough to let them have a hearing anyhow. We are dealing with big things, and we can't hope to all be exactly together on every little detail. I am only a student of prophecy, and the true student always admits that there is more to learn. If I should begin to claim that I knew it all, I would no longer have the right to call myself a student. And so I hope to not only teacher others, but to learn something myself every day.

Of course in any true Bible Student a certain degree of advancement is taken for granted. The person who has gotten beyond the A B C's of Bible study has naturally had to drop a good deal of the old creeds. And so Good News will be open to contributors only within certain reasonable limits. You know I couldn't afford to throw my columns wide open to just every crank that might come along. The paper will be made to stand for what the very best Bible Students believe to be the truth.

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The real big, honest thinkers among the Baptists and all other denominations are beginning to get their eyes open to see some of the dispensational truths that I teach. It is only the little narrow-minded, prejudice-blind class that still hang on to their old errors like a puppy to a root.

There are five or six different lines of proof concerning the time that the Millennial Age is due to come, and they all run together right at the point where we now stand. One line of evidence might lead us wrong, but where there are so many pointing to the same exact spot there is hardly any chance for it to be a mistake.

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The Weekly Good News will be started just as soon as enough subs have been received at 50 cents a year to enable me to get the Linotype Machine. They are coming in at a very satisfactory rate. Keep it up. Remember that subs to the weekly sent in now, before the weekly starts, cost only fifty cents a year. This is only an advance offer. After the weekly starts it will cost more. So send 'em in now.

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(Signed) JAMES L. PEARSON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 8th day of Feb., 1918.

James E. Howell, J. P.

My commission expires in 1921.

THIS ONE THING I DO.

You may have noticed that Good News does not print much in the line of common ordinary "devotional" articles such as are found in all religious papers. I mean the little goody-goody preachments about things that everybody knows as well before reading as afterwards.

Now such articles are all right in their place, and if I had more room I might print some of them. But they can be found anywhere and everywhere. All the papers are full of them. All people read them, more or less, and then go right ahead and pay no attention to them. So what would be the use for me to take up my little space giving the world some more of that sort of mush?

This paper has one special mission that seems to me more important just now than any mere "preaching" would be. That mission is to deliver a message of dispensational truth that is meat in due season for this present time. I have seen a great light that the world at large has not seen. Not that the light has been hid in a closet at all. Indeed it has been set on a candle-stick in plain view of the whole world. And the reason most people have not seen it is because they don't want to see. They are blinded with their creeds and their isms and their worldly interests, and they refuse to recognize anything that goes contrary to these things.

But the time has come when the world cannot ignore the truth much longer. There can no longer be any reasonable doubt that the end of the Gentile Age has now come. As one of my correspondents expressed it the other day, we are living in the very toe-nails of Daniel's Image. The Stone that was to smite the image on its feet has already struck, and the whole thing is being ground into powder. The Stone will soon become a great mountain and fill the whole earth. Our big business men and statesmen and theologians and all their followers will hate mighty bad to admit it, but their lease of power has about run its course. The Kingdom of Christ is now being set up on earth, and it is breaking in pieces and consuming the governments of men. And the reason the transition is causing so much trouble is on account of the desperate struggle the old order is making to hold on to the reins of power. In other words, the devil is being bound, and he is raising an awful fuss about it.

Germany is fighting against the New Order, while America and the Allied nations are fighting for it. Of course the Allied leaders don't know the full meaning of what they are doing. They are merely fighting for democracy. But when the thing comes it will be more than democracy. It will be more than Socialism. It will be more than any fabled Utopia. It will be the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

If the Allies understood just what is coming they might consider it "too much of a good thing" and not be eager for it. But God knows how to use the Allies to carry out His plans, even if they don't know what it all means.

And so I want to concentrate my efforts on this one thing—to teach the people this vital PRESENT TRUTH as I see it, and as I find it plainly mapped out in the Bible. Other papers are giving these truths some attention, but I propose to give them the absolute right-of-way over everything else. This is one subject that ought to interest every human being on the face of the earth, and there is no other paper published that will discuss it in the plain, everyday language of the common people. Tell everybody about Good News and its great message.

Am I An Educated Man?

That seems like an utterly foolish question. I was born and raised in poverty and never went to school more than twelve months in my life. I have lived in the backwoods most of my 38 years and have never associated with cultured or educated people. I have worked like a slave and have had very little time for home study. I have not been able to buy many books, even if I could have found time to study them. My whole life has been about as unfavorable to the idea of getting an education as any life ever was.

But once in awhile an incident happens that makes me wonder where I really do stand in the scale of knowledge. In talking with the country people that I mostly associate with, I find that they very often don't understand what I am talking about. I start out with the impression that any average person certainly ought to know as much as I know about ANYTHING. But I find that many subjects that are perfectly familiar to me are entirely new and strange to those around me. Literature has been my consuming passion, and I have dipped a little into the various arts and sciences, but I have never claimed to have more than a "smattering" of anything. And yet I find that the average country school teacher is often unable to keep up his end of a conversation with me on any of these things. His mind seems to pick its way like a blind thing over ground where my mind is perfectly at home.

And so I have been wondering here of late if I really am an educated man. And if so, how did it happen? Where, when, and how did I get an education? You can search me.

My whole heart's desire is to make this paper a real carrier of good news to those who read it. To the utmost of my ability I want to fight these gruesome and God-dishonoring errors that the church has clung to so long. I want to prove that the Bible is a reasonable book, and that we don't have to crucify our common sense in order to believe what it says.

PARAGRAPHS.

Yes, I may be a fool, and a crank, and crazy, and lots of other bad things; but I expect you had better listen to what I say, anyhow.

The scriptures teach very plainly that the devil is finally to be destroyed. Then if there is to be an eternal place of burning, who is going to run it after the devil is dead?

We have left the ox cart and the tallow candle far behind. But some people who ride in automobiles and read by electric light, are still in the ox cart period of theology.

The war is killing lots of papers, but it is causing the people to take a still greater interest in Good News. And the more serious the times get the more eager the folks will be to read this paper. Tell everybody about it.

There is good reason to believe that the Kaiser is the actual devil in human form. And let us hope that he is now being bound and that he will soon be cast into the bottomless pit.

We can't understand the method by which the old Bible prophets looked into the future, but there is no longer any room to doubt that they DID look into it and foretold many things that would come to pass in these days.

The department of short letters from the people has been omitted this time on account of lack of space. I have many good letters on hand and will print just as many of them as I can from time to time.

There are at least ten million people in this country who would just jump at the chance to subscribe for this paper if they only knew about it. How many are YOU going to introduce it to?

It is really surprising to see how the subs are pouring in for the weekly, even before it starts. If this is any sign to go by, it will be a world-beater when it does start. Only fifty cents a year for the weekly if you send now—before it starts. Later it will have to be more.

When the weekly Good News starts, all monthly subs will be transferred to the weekly list and the paper sent every week until each person has got the number of papers paid for. Then all will have an equal chance to renew for the weekly at a very cheap rate.

You can't find one single place anywhere in the Bible that says the soul of man is immortal, but you can find lots of them that say just the opposite. Yet most of our orthodox churches are built up around the immortal soul doctrine, which is found nowhere except in the old heathen philosophy.

Club Rates.

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The price of single subscriptions to GOOD NEWS is 25 cents a year, but if you will get several of your friends to go in with you and send in a club of five or more at one time, you can all get the paper at 15 cents a year.

At the very low price we make, it is impossible to give premiums to club-raisers, but thousands of people enjoy getting up clubs for the fun of it and to help out a good cause. You will enjoy it, too, and you are hereby invited to become a regular club-raiser. If you can distribute some samples into good hands, all they will cost you is to ask for them.

In sending in clubs, be sure to write each name and address very carefully. Remember that a name which looks plain to you in your own handwriting might not look so plain to a person who is not acquainted with your handwriting. Therefore WRITE VERY CAREFULLY. If possible to have the list typewritten, so much the better.

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THE JUDGMENT DAY.

All our lives we have been taught that some time in the remote future there will be a great "Judgment Day," and the idea we formed of it was that it would be just one of our 24-hour days, during which Christ would come and raise the dead and judge them, and send the bad folks to hell and take the good folks away to heaven and that it would all take place within just one of our literal days. We were taught that everything would go on just like it has been here on earth until suddenly and unexpectedly we would hear a great trumpet blow and see the Lord coming in a great blaze of brightness and glory, with armies of shouting angels and a great demonstration so that all the world would see it and be afraid.

But that is all wrong. The Judgment Day is not to be anything like that at all. Instead of being one literal 24-hour day, it will be a thousand years long, and while its BEGINNING will be a terrible time of trouble on the earth, that will pass away and the remainder of the Judgment Day will be the most glorious and happy time that the earth has ever known.

The thousand years reign of Christ on earth (the Millennium) will also be the Judgment Day, and there is every indication that it has already begun. Yes, the Judgment Day has already come, and its coming has brought great trouble to the world. But after this present trouble is over there will be many hundreds of years of the Judgment Day still to run, and it will be a time of great peace and happiness for all except the willfully wicked and unrepentant—for them it will bring shame and dishonor, defeat and death.

If you will read your Bible carefully you will see that the nations (as nations) are to be judged first. That is, the governments of the world are to be put through a firey test, and all the governments that are not willing to make absolute righteousness their standard and come under the perfect rule of the King of Kings—they will be blotted out of existence.

That is exactly what is happening today. Germany is the most wicked and unruly nation in the world today, and she is getting her punishment. Unless she repents (which is not likely) she will be utterly wiped out. But before she is finally subdued she will come so NEAR whipping the world that the other nations will not feel like boasting over their victory. You see the other nations were wicked and selfish, too, and they needed some punishment and it was divinely ordained that Germany in her fall should bring the other nations to their knees. Every nation that will repent and get right will be allowed to remain, but the others must go. God is now dividing the nations into the "sheep" class and the "goat" class. He is setting the "sheep" nations on the right hand and the "goat" nations on the left. Let us hope and pray that in this great Judgment Day upon the nations our own United States of America may be found worthy to stand on the right hand. I am sorry we have to fight at all, but since we must I am glad to know we are fighting on the right side. And the right will finally be triumphant.

And after the judgment of the nations is completed, then will come the judgment of the individuals. That part of the Judgment Day will be a time of peace and happiness throughout the whole world. It will not be any time of fear and trembling and uneasiness, except for the wilfully wicked. During that time the devil will be bound and helpless, so that he cannot deceive the nations any more. (See Rev. 20.) The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, so that no human being will have any excuse for not KNOWING the right way. All will have a full and complete opportunity, under the most favorable conditions, to know the truth and to be good. And I have enough confidence in the people to believe that when they are all given such a chance as that most of them will accept it. But those who still go on in their stubborn and wicked way, preferring to serve the devil—they will be destroyed in the second death.

And so the Judgment Day, instead of being such an awful and fearful time, is going to be a GOOD time and a HAPPY time for everybody who has any desire at all to be good and to see the right prevail.

And now Jericho has fallen into the hands of the British. One by one the old Bible towns are being added to the list, and soon all of the Holy Land will be in the hands of its friends, to be turned over to its real owners, the Jews. These British victories in the Holy Land are an omen of good for the Allied nations. They give us assurance that we are on the right side and that victory will finally be ours.

OLD MAGAZINES.

For many years I have had a habit of preserving certain old papers and magazines that contained things that were of interest to me. I now have great numbers of them filed away, some of them twenty years old or more.

The other day I was looking through some of these old-time magazines, and I was particularly impressed with the advertisements I found, or maybe I had better say, the advertisements that I DIDN'T find.

It is a hard matter to find a leading magazine today that is not full of automobile ads. The Saturday Evening Post is especially strong on them. But the Saturday Evening Post of twenty years ago did not contain any automobile ads.

Twenty years ago there were no motor truck ads, no tractor ads, no rubber tire ads, no moving picture ads, no talking machine ads. There were a few typewriter ads, but the machines were very crude looking affairs and bore names that we never hear of now.

Indeed the advertising pages of the old-time mazagines have a very strange look to one who is accustomed to the magazines of today. They look as if they might have been printed on another planet, and thousands of years ago. And the reading matter and pictures are just about as strange as the ads. They all speak in thunder tones of the great change that has come over this world within the last twenty years—a change greater than had occurred in any thousand years before.

It proves, as I have said before, that human genius is rapidly reaching a climax beyond which it cannot go—without help. Even now our rapid progress is generating so much heat that it is consuming itself. Without God's help these things cannot go much further.

Some of the "sky" people and "eternal torment" people don't like Good News. They think it is an awful sin to be printing such stuff. But most of them will learn better by and by. Tell everybody to subscribe.

THEORY AND FACT.

We have a theory that the majority should rule, and our theory goes on to presume that the majority is always right. That theory is only a half-truth. In some cases it will stand the test all right, but I can name you lots of cases where it has fallen down.

When Jesus Christ was here among men his enemies were more numerous than his friends. Just a little bunch of faithful followers recognized in him the true Messiah; while the great majority—all the big leaders among the Jews as well as the Romans—were quite sure that he was only a religious fanatic, a dangerous agitator, and that the safety of society required his execution. But now the so-called Christian world looks back and says that the little bunch of humble believers was right. Therefore the majority was wrong.

In the early age of the world everybody believed that the earth was flat and stationary, and that the sun moved around it. And when Galileo, Kepler, Newton and others began to discover the laws of planetary movement and to teach the new theory, what did the wise majority do? Why, it reared up on its hind legs and let out a great howl. It threatened the astronomers with awful violence if they didn't quit teaching such heresy. But after all the persecution the astronomers convinced the world that they were right. Therefore the majority was wrong again.

Today most of the orthodox church people hold to a lot of unreasonable beliefs that have been handed down to them from the Dark Ages. These beliefs are very primitive and crude, but the great majority still clings to them. A few brave souls scattered over the world are now trying to enlighten the people on these things, but the big crowd is against them and is using every possible means to persecute and hinder the truth. Yet it will finally turn out just like it always has heretofore—the little bunch of progressive thinkers will prove to be right.

In matters requiring deep thought and profound reasoning, it is safe to say that the majority is always wrong. Individuals think, but the crowd never does. And when an individual steps out from the crowd and begins to think, the crowd tries to hoot him down.

Every forward step that the world has ever taken has had to depend on a small beginning and a few faithful friends who dared to face the wrath of the majority. Reforms always begin little, and grow. And never yet has any good cause had a majority on its side until after long, weary years of fighting for its very life.

But in the end the truth always wins. The big crowd at last comes over and joins the little crowd.

Father Time is still just a little ahead of me, but I am reaching for his coat-tail, you see.

PERIODICITY.

Do you know what Periodicity is? Well, I am going to give you a few of my ideas about it right here.

You know that we have day and night, and I suppose you know what causes it. The daily motion of the earth, revolving toward the east is what causes day and night. And one complete revolution of the earth takes a certain definite period of time—24 hours. We see how that short period of time causes great changes on the earth. Today the sun shines and the world looks bright and warm. Tonight it will be dark and gloomy. Make note of this, and remember how short a time it takes for the earth to change from day conditions to night conditions.

And so the first "period" that we have to consider is 24 hours in length, and it gives us day and night.

The next period we have is caused by the earth's annular journey around the sun, which takes approximately 365 days. This gives us our four seasons and takes us around the circle of the year and back to the starting point. We are all familiar with the great changes in temperature and weather conditions that come with the different seasons of the year. In spring the green things come out and begin to grow. The leaves and the flowers appear and make the earth beautiful and full of fresh new life. In summer the growing things come to maturity. The fruits and the grains ripen to give us our support. The sunshine keeps the earth warm and pleasant. In the fall the hand of death begins to take hold of things. The frost comes, the flowers die, and the leaves turn red. The sunshine loses its warmth, and the outdoor world begins to seek for shelter. Then comes winter with its cold winds and snow and ice, making a complete end of all the summer's dreams. It is the annual death of all the things that grow. It is so different from summer that we can't imagine how summer will ever come again.

And when we stop to consider what causes these great changes we know it is merely the earth making its annual trip around the sun. At different points in the journey different effects are produced, and that makes the same effect come at about the same time each year.

Now we have examined the two periods that everybody are acquainted with—the daily and the yearly—and have noted the changes they bring out. That is as far as the average person ever gets in thinking about these things. They have never stopped to consider that the day and the year may be only the first two links in a long chain of periods that lengthen link by link till they pass beyond our comprehension. But such a thing is entirely reasonable, and, indeed, almost a certainty. We have a perfect analogy in the social and political divisions of our earth. In this country the township is the unit of political organization. Next above it comes the county, which is made up of several townships. Then the third step is the State, embracing many counties. Going on in the same upward progression we come to the nation, made up of all the states. And if we care to go beyond that we find groups of nations banded together in a common cause, as the Allied nations now at war with Germany.

Now it would be just as reasonable to stop with the county, and ignore State, Nation, and all the rest, as it would be to suppose that the yearly period of 365 days is the ultimate end of Periodicity for our physical earth.

The sun that gives light to this earth is not the center of the universe by a long shot. If it was, then our yearly period would be the longest one we could have. But our sun is only one among millions of suns, and each sun has its own family of worlds that it carries along with it, supplying them with light and life. You have read about the stars and the planets, and maybe you don't know exactly what the difference is. Well, the stars are suns like our sun, or perhaps bigger. They look little because they are so much farther away. The planets are bodies of matter similar to this earth, some smaller and some larger. There are eight principal planets, and they constitute our sun's family. They all travel around the sun in regular orbits, and they are held in place and their movements controlled by the attraction of the sun. This family of worlds (including the sun) is known as the Solar System. The eight planets composing the system are named as follows, in the order of their distance from the sun: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. These eight planets cling to the sun just like eight children to their mother. And our sun don't have any direct connection with anything else.

But the sun is not absolutely stationary. There is another and still greater central point around which our sun travels, carrying its family of planets with it. This great central point is supposed to be the Pleiades, or Seven Stars. So you see that besides our other two motions that we considered a bit ago, we have here a third motion—the sun, the earth, and all its sister planets, swinging around Pleiades at a terrific rate of speed. But the distance is so great that it takes about 27,000 years to make the round trip.

Now I hope you begin to see what I am driving at. This long period of 27,000 years is the third link in the chain of Periodicity; and just as different points on the yearly trip around the sun produce different conditions on earth, just so the different parts of this longer trip will produce conditions corresponding to our yearly seasons. It may not produce light nor darkness; it may not produce heat nor cold; but we may certainly expect it to have some far-reaching effect on the earth and its inhabitants. We don't know how many of these 27,000 year trips the Solar System has made since it was first set spinning in space. But we do known, according to our chronology, that since Adam's time we have not gone quite one fourth of the way around the circle. To me it is entirely reasonable that some part of this vast circle may lead us through some kind of an evil influence which will have a bad effect on the minds and morals of the people. This could cause pride, selfishness and ambition to run rampant and start wars and breed all kinds of trouble such as we are having now. My opinion is that the things now happening on the earth are the natural result of some such periodic influence, and that it could no more have been avoided than we can avoid winter. And just as the frozen winter landscape will soon smile with flowers again, just so we will speed on out of this evil region of space and enter the realm of peace and joy.

"Weeping may indure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning."

A Welcome Criticism.

Big Sandy, Texas.

Editor Good News:

Although I am a new subscriber to Good News, it has been in my home long enough that I have fallen in love with it very much. But notwithstanding its sweetness, I found one little morsel in the October issue that I was not able to relish so well, if I got its real flavor. The objectionable thing I have reference to is found in the article under the caption, "Going Up." With one little exception I heartily accept the entire article. The objectionable statement is this: "The whole business is limited to this very earth we live on." And I accept this as true with just one exception—Christ and His Church. You may not mean all that your language seems to imply. If you do, greatly as I have fallen in love with you, just here we must part company.

I accept the thought that man was created a HUMAN being—of the earth, earthy; and that he was just the kind of being Jehovah wanted when He created him. I also accept the thought that the earth was created for man's final habitation. Also that God's mind, or purpose, has not changed with reference to His original design. And that since there has been a "falling away" on man's part, there must be a RESTITUTION in order that God's original purpose may be accomplished.

Yes, this is all very clear to me. But I also see another class which is very prominent in the New Testament Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistolary letters and Revelation. These are called NEW CREATURES and consist of Christ and His Church. The Creator of the universe created intelligent beings on different planes of existence. That is, He created Angels and other heavenly beings on different spirit planes to inhabit the heavens. He created Man on the human plane to inhabit the earth. And God's creatures will always remain on the plane where they were created except where there is a change of their nature. But that same God who created us and gave us our human nature has the power to exalt us to a higher nature. This is what He has already done for Christ, and what He proposes doing for the Church.

But realizing that space is very limited, I will not add to the length of my letter by giving any scripture quotations at present, as proof. However, if you can spare the space for just a few scriptures that are directly to the point, I will be very glad to furnish them. I know you propose to furnish the chin-music yourself, but noting that one string of your violin seems a little out of tune, it seems that your hearers might be granted the privilege of asking you to "tune up" just a little, especially since they are expected to pay for the music.

With best wishes for yourself and your afflicted companion, and much success for Good News, I am,

Most respectfully yours,

WILLIAM CAFFEY, SR.

LISTEN, UNCLE SAM!

In order to say what I honestly believe to be the truth as I find it in the Bible, I have to make it look mighty dark for the present governments of this world. I have to say that they must either be destroyed or greatly modified, so as to harmonize with the righteous government of God that is coming.

Some nations will get in line and escape utter destruction (and I hope our United States of America will be one of them.) Other nations will be stubborn and contrary and refuse to "set their houses in order." These will be utterly wiped out. Germany, of course, will be in that class.

Now if I could assure Uncle Sam that he would come out of this with great victory and pride and glory, he would pat me on the back and call me a good boy. But because I must tell him that he, too, must come to his knees and suffer and get humble—he may not like that so well.

But I don't mean to make it any darker for Uncle Sam than I can possibly help. Maybe if he will listen to my message he will be permitted to escape the worst of the trouble that is coming upon the nations. I know we are fighting on the right side in this war, and I consider it very important that the people should have a true understanding of what is to be the final outcome. I propose to be just as loyal to my country as any man who totes a gun in France. But at the same time I want to warn my country that great changes are in store for it, and that it will be better to adjust itself to the new order willingly than to be forced to it.

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"THE BIG ROCK" AGAIN.

Among all the things I have published in Good News, the articles on "The Great Pyramid" in the Jan. and Feb. issues have attracted more attention and caused more talk than anything else. Literally hundreds of people have written to me wanting more information about the "Big Rock," as they call it.

It was a surprise to me to learn how entirely uninformed the public is concerning that great subject. It seems to be an absolutely new subject to most people, and even those who know that such a building exists have never heard anything about its divine origin and its great dispensational message. It has never entered their minds that such a building of stone could be an absolute witness to the truth of the Bible and a complete diagram of the ages and the destiny of the human race.

So when people begin to get little glimpses of this wonderful truth it so startles them at first that they don't know what to think about it. Then pretty soon they begin to call for more. The call has become so loud and insistent in this case that I have decided to give them some more. I may not be able to get the new series of "Pyramid" articles started in next issue, as I am ordering some books on the subject from Scotland, and it will take them some time to arrive, even if the submarines don't get them. I want to get all the facts possible and write a series of "Pyramid" articles that will cover the whole subject.

In just a few words I want to say right here that the Great Pyramid of Gizeh which stands in Egypt today is literally a Bible in stone. It was certainly built under the direct supervision of God Himself, because mortal man has never seen the day he could have done it without divine help. The mere physical magnitude of the work is so great that it staggers the imagination, even here in our day of big things. And besides the enormous physical task of lifting the great stones and putting them in place, there is in it a great store of wisdom that mortal man could not have put there. No being but God could have made a complete diagram of the future ages and placed it in that building so as to keep it hid till the proper time and then have it come to light as a silent but powerful witness of divine truth.

And yet all this, and more, is contained in the Great Pyramid. It has been safely hidden there through the long centuries of the past and is just now beginning to be discovered. Its message has not all been learned yet, but enough has been learned to convince any reasonable person that we are now living in the very last days of the Gentile age. There is no possible chance for the present order of world-affairs to go on but a very few years more. Indeed, it is just about as certain as anything can be that we are right now in the midst of the change from one dispensation to another.

Now, folks, this is not a thing to read about and make light remarks about and then throw it aside and forget it. It is the most important subject that this generation has ever had to face. And it is a thing that can't be laughed off nor joked away. We have just got to face the facts. And we had better get down to business and learn to face them intelligently.

So tell everybody to subscribe for Good News and look out for the new series of articles on The Great Pyramid.

The Kaiser's Partner.

All the Kaiser's boastful talk about being in partnership with God is the rankest blasphemy. The whole German philosophy and practice is directly opposed to everything that is good. Germany says "Might makes right." God says, "Right makes might." The Kaiser is cruel and heartless. God is kind and merciful. There can be no harmony between them. It is true that the Kaiser has performed wonders, and it looks like he must surely be getting some super-human help. But I want you to understand that it is not God's help. The devil also has super-human power, and he is backing Kaiser Bill. So when we are fighting Germany we are fighting the actual devil. Remember that.

It is strange how people can misunderstand the meaning of plain English words. Ask any hundred men to give you a definition of the word "forever", and ninety-nine would say it meant eternal and unending. But it don't. The very structure of the word itself conveys the idea of a completed time—a finished period. The thought that it conveys is not the thought of endless duration at all. What do you think about that? Do you want me to prove it? Well, I can.

This paper is not one of the **fanatical goody-goody sort. It just wants to be sensible and appeal to sensible people.**

NOW WHO IS CRAZY?

This article is for the special benefit of the good old slow-going, conservative, orthodox people who have not learned anything new in the last fifty years, and who honestly believe it would be an awful sin to learn anything.

These people inherited their religious beliefs from their ancestors, and it has never once entered their minds that their ancestors could possibly have been mistaken, or that it would ever be possible to learn anything more about the Bible.

Now these orthodox people that I am talking about are good folks. They are just awful good. Some of them are even painfully good. They make themselves and others continually miserable by their fears that somebody else is getting off the track.

I am acquainted with lots of good old Baptists and Methodists who honestly believe that I have gone crazy or that the devil is leading me astray. They believe that Good News is filled with heresy and lies, and that the devil will get me for printing it, and all that sort of stuff. They are perfectly honest in that belief, because they have been shut up in their creeds just like a terrapin in its shell, and they don't have any idea what progress is being made even in their own denomination.

And so it is for the benefit of this class that I am printing in this issue a remarkable article from The Christian Herald, of New York. The author of the article is no less a person than the well-known Dr. James M. Gray, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago It would take a mighty big sight of nerve for any little two-by-four Baptist or Methodist to call Dr. Gray a heretic. He is the author of many books on prophecy, and his teachings are accepted by all thinking people as absolutely safe and sound.

The Christian Herald, of which the late Dr. Talmage was for many years the editor, is certainly a safe and sound paper. It would not print anything of a questionable nature. And the fact that Dr. James M. Gray is one of its most regular contributors is a guarantee that he is all right.

The article by Dr. Gray printed in this issue is headed, "The English Manifesto on the Second Advent," and I want you to read that article very carefully. I want you to get the full force of what it is talking about. The "news" feature of it is that a group of leading English preachers and Bible students some time ago signed and sent out a "manifesto" concerning the Second Coming of Christ, and when and how they believe it will be. Look at the statements as they are numbered and see how different they are from the old orthodox conceptions. They believe that the "Times of the Gentiles" are now ending. They believe that Christ may be revealed at any time now, but that He will not be seen by everybody at first, but only by His true followers. They don't believe that the coming of Christ means the "end of time" as the old creeds have it. On the other hand, they believe that Christ will come and reign on the earth for a thousand years. They believe that during that reign the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh and practically the whole world converted—AFTER the coming of Christ.

The old idea is that the coming of Christ means the "end of time," and that those who are not saved BEFORE He comes will not have any further chance. But these great preachers and scholars of England don't see it that way. They believe, just like I do, that the Bride is being selected now, and that the great family increase will come AFTER THE MARRIAGE, during the thousand years' reign.

And take particular notice that these men who signed this remarkable Manifesto are leading Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and so on. They are not cranks nor heretics. But the little one-hoss fellows in these great denominations would have a jeeminy-fit if they knew their big men were having such talk as that. You see they are so little and ignorant that they don't even know what their own big leaders are thinking and saying about the momentous questions of the day.

So you see the doctrine of Good News is right in line with the soundest judgment and best biblical scholarship of the present day. It is the little one-hoss preachers and their followers who need to wake up and learn something.

The old eternal burning hell idea dies hard, but it is dying. And it must die still faster from now on. The light is going to be too bright for any such ignorance to remain.

Let me tell you once more that you had better begin to study that question of "The Times of the Gentiles." Learn what the term means, where it started, and how long it is. The Bible gives all the figures very plainly. By looking into this you will find out some things that will surprise you.

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I don't believe in too much of this-here formality in religion, nor in anything else. Live so that every act of your life is a sermon, and then you won't have to go through so many cut-and-dried forms to make people think you are good.

I have seen people who would go without eating a week rather than eat a bite without saying grace over it. And yet they would lie and cheat worse than a heathen. Who is going to have any confidence in such religion as that?

When in doubt, cuss Germany. That's one thing that is always safe to do these days.

The Weekly.

The Weekly Good News will be started just as soon as enough subs have been received at 50 cents a year to enable me to get the Linotype Machine. They are coming in at a very satisfactory rate. Keep it up. Remember that subs to the weekly sent in now, before the weekly starts, cost only fifty cents a year. This is only an advance offer. After the weekly starts it will cost more. So send 'em in now.

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The English Manifesto on the Second Advent.

BY DR. JAMES M. GRAY

Dean of Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago

Not a little discussion was caused by this Manifesto when it first reached the United States, and some people feared it would create a religious panic. However, the memory of it is now so dim that it needs to be recalled, even for the purpose of this article.

What kind of men were they who put it forth? Not a fanatic nor a crank among them, not a pacifist, nor a slacker so far as the writer's acquaintance goes. There were among them Anglican clergymen of the first rank in character, in preaching eminence, and in administrative ability. One of the signers was the editor of a widely known religious journal. One had held the highest office within the gift of the great Baptist denomination which he honors. Another had been the president of a Congregational theological college. One is the pastor of the most noted church in Christendom. Two or three were men on whose lips have hung thousands of American auditors at the Bible conferences at Northfield, Montrose, Winona, Mountain Lake Park and elsewhere. Their books have been among the best sellers in the United States and Great Britain and her colonies. Some of us have crossed the ocean to listen to these men at Keswick. They have the respect and confidence of tens of thousands of Christians all over the world.

II.

What did these men say? Here are their seven points. Let us look at them:

1. The present crisis points toward the close of the Times of the Gentiles.

2. The revelation of our Lord may be expected at any moment when he will be manifested to his disciples.

3. The completed Church will be translated to be forever with the Lord.

4. Israel will be restored to its own land in unbelief, and be afterward converted by the appearance of Christ on its behalf.

5. All human schemes of reconstruction must be subsidiary to the second coming of our Lord because all nations will then be subject to his rule.

6. Under the reign of Christ there will be a further great effusion of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh.

7. The truths embodied in this statement are of the utmost practical value in determining Christian character and action with reference to the pressing problems of the hour.

N. B.—This is a general statement, which does not profess to decide on particular details of prophetic interp. tation.

III.

With what do we find fault in the above, and why?

(1). Does not the present crisis point "toward the close of the times of the Gentiles?" But what is meant by "the times of the Gentiles?" people say. That's the point. People, even Christian people, are so lacking in understanding of the Bible that they do not know what "the times of the Gentiles" means. There is before the writer's eyes just now a counter-manifesto by the representative of a great religious body in this country which straightly declares that these men "issued a prediction of the speedy end of the world"! Such blindness (the author of the words did not mean to speak falsely) would be unbelievable, had we not been accustomed to it on the part of so-called Christian leaders for a long while. But these English ministers predicted no such thing. Every one of them knows, and most of them are in print to the effect, that even if "the times of the Gentiles" were altogether run, at least a thousand years would intervene before the end of the world. Let us keep steady, therefore, and not rock the boat.

(2) May not the Lord be expected at any moment? Did he not say, "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man" (Mark 13:32)? Has not the attitude of watching been that of the faithful Church from the beginning? But it is only those who, are ignorant of, or else deny, the dispensational teaching of the Bible who associate his coming with the end of the world.

(3) Will not "the completed Church" be translated to "be forever with the Lord?" What Christian questions the teaching of I Thess. 4:16-18 on that point?

(4) Will not Israel "be restored to its own land?" If there were never a Bible prophecy that spoke of it, who can read the current newspapers and remain in doubt about it? And if restored, will it not be "in unbelief?" Who will affirm that all the Jews will become Christians before they return to Palestine? And if afterward they shall be "converted by the appearance of Christ on their behalf," what is there in that to cause panic? Was not Saul of Tarsus converted thus? And has not his conversion proven the greatest blessing to the world? And does not he say that "If the casting away of them (the Jews) be the reconciling of the world (as it was by the preaching of the Gospel to the Gentiles), what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" (Romans 11:15-. Could the world today covet a greater blessing than the salvation of the Jewish nation by whatever means? Will it not be to the world as life from the dead?

(5 The real trouble with the Manifesto begins at the fifth point which has been grossly misunderstood. Some have supposed that it advocated a cessation of the war without settling anything. But these men are speaking only of what will be true when Christ comes. They are not discouraging enlistments, nor the purchase of Liberty Bonds. They are not urging the shutting down of the ammunition factories nor the weakening of the British lines, nor the withdrawal of the fleet from the North Sea. These men are reasonable men. They are suffering for their country gladly. They have given of their sons to die for it, and they are ready to die for it themselves. But if all men believed as they do, that "human schemes of reconstruction must be sudsidiary to the second coming of our Lord, because all nations will then be subject to his rule," what would follow? In that case all men would be looking up to him for wisdom and patience and guidance at this crucial hour, and would not that be better than trusting simply in themselves?

That is what the Manifesto means, and that is all it means, when it says at the seventh point (the sixth may be omitted for the present), "that the truths embodied in this statement are of the utmost practical value in determining Christian character and action with reference to the pressing problems of the hour." Certainly if they are truths that is the fact; and if they are not, it might be shown from the Bible, one would think.—By Rev. James M. Gray, D.D., Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

A Russian Jew named Jean Bloch wrote a book thirty years ago. The name of the book is "The Future of War," and I want to say that the historians of the future will scarcely be able to write a more correct account of the present Great War.

This Jewish author was not studying Bible prophecy at all, and his work has no direct relation to the Bible in any way. He was only going by his own observation of world-tendencies, and he saw that the nations were headed straight for a great war that would change the entire life of the world. He even told what nations would be the leaders in the war, and just where and how it would be fought. It has happened so identically like he said it would that his book seems almost like an inspired prophecy. But it was only a process of reasoning from cause to effect, and his conclusions were the most natural in the world.

Bloch laid no claims to being a prophet. He was a philosopher and thinker. He knew that certain effects always follow certain causes, and he saw the CAUSES of a Great War being piled up mountain high by every nation, and he knew that the war must come. He didn't go on in his book to tell what would be after the war, but we who stand here in the present can see in the war a CAUSE which will inevitably produce a certain EFFECT. And that effect will be to make the world so sick and tired of war that such a thing never can happen again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Willard, Ga.,
March 1st, 1918.

Mr. James Larkin Pearson,
Boomer, N. C.

Dear Sir:

My husband received his first copy [illegible] paper, "Good News," a few [illegible] I enjoyed very much reading [illegible] interesting articles, but [illegible] your article entitled, "The [illegible] you have the wrong [illegible] Christ's resurrected body [illegible] deal of literalness [illegible] second advent. It is [illegible] His resurrection He [illegible] doubting Thomas in the [illegible] form of His crucified [illegible] purpose of fully convincing [illegible] He was risen from [illegible] Thomas had said [illegible] it was Jesus un- [illegible] crucified body.

[illegible] power after His re- [illegible] appear or materialize [illegible] form or human body, [illegible] dematerialize or dis- [illegible] erroneous thought [illegible] a man, and that His [illegible] will be as a man in [illegible] has done much to in- [illegible] It has turned the [illegible] to looking for and [illegible] Empire to be [illegible] earthly one. It has led [illegible] the second coming [illegible] entirely. The pro- [illegible] our Lord's assention to [illegible] the divine nature and [illegible] the Father, never more [illegible] earthly conditions, lifts [illegible] difficulties mentioned.

[illegible] see that the One who will [illegible] power and great glory will be Spirit Being, wholly invisible to [illegible] but nevertheless the very [illegible] the same personality, the [illegible] Ego who was once amongst [illegible] the same Ego or personality [illegible] previously was with the Father [illegible] the spirit plane (John 17:5) and who humbled Himself to man's estate in order that He might accomplish a work of redemeption for Adam and his race.

The Redeemer says of Himself: "I am He who was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore." And He who was dead—was He not the same One who previously was rich, and for our sakes became poor? Can we not, therefore hold clearly to the distinctions of nature, and yet see through the two changes (from spirit to human and then from human back to higher divine spiritual nature) the maintenance of the original personality."

The angels who appeared to the apostles when the Master vanished from their sight, declared that He would come in like manner as He went away. Did He go in a blaze of glory witnessed by the whole world of mankind? No! Neither will He so come. Did He go amid great convulsions and the blast of trumpets? No! Neither will He so come. Was His departure seen and known throughout the world? No! Neither will His arrival be seen and known; as He declared, He will come as a thief in the night and will be present, unknown to the world. Only a few knew of His departure and could tell it to others. In like manner, the second coming will be known only to the few, who will declare it to such as have the hearing ear—the "watchers," saints.

Concerning this secret arrival of the Lord "as a thief in the night," the apostle declares: "Ye brethren (all my footstep followers) are not in darkness (as others will be), that that day should overtake you as a thief." (I Thes. 5:4. The day of reckoning will come to all, but it will be after the Bride Class, the elect church, is with the Bridegroom, a sharer of His glory, honor and immortality. "When He shall appear, we also shall appear with Him in glory." (I John 3:2.) The revealment will be in flaming fire—a manifestation of rightousness, opposition to all things sinful, and approval of all things in harmony with the Golden Rule. This will mean at first a great time of trouble (which is now on), an overturning and transformation in the world's affairs. As the prophet declares, "The rich men shall weep bitterly." Many poor ones doubtless will also weep, for unrighteousness is not confined to race or class. All evil-doers will suffer; all well-doers will be blessed.

Christ was put to death in flesh, but quickened (made alive) in spirit (I Peter 3:18.) He gave His flesh (perfect humanity) for the life of the world, so He could not take back His human body and give the world the benefit as well. We cannot give anyone something and at the same time retain it for our own benefit. When our Lord rose from the dead, He was no longer the **man** (human) Christ Jesus. Since then He is Lord of the dead and the living. Each time He manifested Himself to His disciples, He materialized, appearing instantaneously in their midst. When He appeared to Mary in the garden she mistook Him for the gardener, and it was only when He mentioned her name that she realized who He was—recognizing His voice and address rather than His outward appearance. It was just as easy for Jesus to appear as a gardner, or as a stranger on the way to Emmaus, as it was for Him to appear like the Jesus they had known in the flesh. No doubt these different manifestations were given the disciples for the very purpose of protecting them from the mistaken though that He still had with Him the flesh which would have made impossible His entrance into the heavenly kingdom. (I Cor. 15:50.)

The world cannot ever see Jesus any more, face to face, as they did when He was first on earth. Did He not say just before His crucifixion: "Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more, (John 14:19); but ye (my disciples) see me; because I live ye shall live also,"—(in the "first resurrection"—Rev. 20:6)—which is to take place before the world's resurrection for the express purpose of raising up the dead and ruling and judging them, as well as those who may be living after the great time of trouble is over and Christ and His Bride ready to begin their glorius reign over the sin-cursed earth.

As soon as this new ruling power of Messiah's Kingdom shall come to be thoroughly recognized and appreciated, "the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). Then the great blessing of Immanuel's government will kiss away the world's sorrow, tears and death, as a great Sun of Righteousness arising, which will flood the whole earth with the light of the knowledge of the goodness of God and with His blessing, "which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow therewith." Ignorance, superstition, sin and death will flee away before the light of that New Dispensation, and only those who resist it wilfully will be smitten with the second death.

The judgment of the world will not be merely of those living at the time of the establishment of the Kingdom, but will include all that are in their graves (John 5:28). As all are condemned through one man's disobedience, so the redemption for all will be accomplished through the obedience of One, which will secure to each and all an opportunity for eternal life, either on the spirit plane during this Gospel Age, or on the earthly plane to Paradise restored, during Messiah's reign.

The judgment of the Church is not according to works, the perfection of which, under prevailing conditions, would be impossible; hence the church's judgment is according to faith and the obedience of faith possible. But the world's judgment will be according to works, for the knowledge then will be so great that faith will no longer be at a premium. The great Mediator (Christ and His Bride) will accept of imperfect works according to the ability of the people, but as they rise out of degradation, more and more will be required of them, until in the end they will be perfect, and then absolute perfection of works will be required of them. Then death and the grave will be swallawed up in the antitypical Gehenna of annihilation—"the second death"—and all not worthy of record in the Book of Life will be destroyed from among the people. (Rev. 20:12-15; Acts 3:22).

But, thank God, this irremidable destruction of the Second Death will come only upon wilful evil doers of the class mentioned in the text—"often reproved, and yet stiff-necked." Some of the church might be classed in this category because of previous enlightment, etc., enjoyed, but surely the world in general has not had such reproofs and such intelligent understanding of the Lord as would make them properly amenable to the Second Death. And God proposes that every member of Adam's race must have this one full, complete privilege and opportunity for eternal life before he can be sentenced to the Second Death. How wonderful are the merciful and wise and just provisions of our great Father, and His dear Son, our Redeemer!

Yours for the Blessed Truth,
MRS. E. Y. WALKER.

Mighty few of us will ever get away from this earth. The "little company" who are to be the Bride of Christ will be made spirit beings and will occupy the atmospheric heavens that surround the earth. But the rest of the saved people will live right here on the earth just as literally as they do now. They will build houses and live in them, and plant crops and harvest them, and enjoy the fruits of their labor. That's what the Book says, and I'd rather believe that than some hifalutin "sky" preacher.

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CONSCRIPTION OF MONEY.

The Wall Street Journal, the great financial organ, is getting its back up about the question of conscription of wealth. It says, in substance, that those who favor conscription of the rich man's money to help win the war "should be classed with slackers, Socialists, and pro-Germans."

Now what do you think of that? In the first place, look what a mean, dirty slap at the Socialists, the big majority of whom are just as loyal to their country as the members of any other party. The leading Socialist, paper of America is standing by the President and upholding the government's war program just as faithfully as any Democratic paper in the land. And it has a vastly deeper insight into the true meaning of what is going on. So it is nothing but pure meanness on the part of the Wall Street Journal that would attempt to class the loyal Socialists with slackers and pro-Germans.

But that isn't the worst of it. The limit of gall is displayed in trying to argue that the rich man's money must not be conscripted for war. Its idea is that the men of the nation may be taken by force and dragged into the war and butchered up, but the millionaire's money is too sacred for that. It must be permitted to have rights that mere men don't have. The rich must be allowed to sit back in their palaces, surrounded by their wealth, and if they let the government use any of their money it must be considered as a LOAN, to be paid back with interest.

That might sorter do if the poor conscripted fighting man could be treated in the same way. But who has heard anything said about giving back the lives of those who get killed? We know that can't be done, and nobody will expect it. And so I say the millionaire is no better to have his money taken from him and never paid back than the poor soldier is to have his life taken from him and not returned. Yes, let the government conscript the millionaire's money and use it to win the war on exactly the same terms that it conscripts the bodies of men and uses them. Why not?

If you, as a Christian, have some dead relative who died in sin, and who, according to the old creeds, is doomed to everlasting burning in a lake of fire—wouldn't it be good news to you to learn that it's all a montsrous big ugly lie? Well, it is.

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CARL C. WALLACE,
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THE BRIDE, THE GROOM, AND THE FAMILY.

God always takes things that people are familiar with to illustrate or explain things that they are not familiar with. That's why Jesus spoke so much in parables. The very word "parable" comes from the thought of comparing one thing with another.

We know that Christ is very often referred to in scripture as a Bridegroom.

> Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom.—John 3:28-29.

> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.—Rev. 25:1.

> Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.—Matt. 25:1.

And it is plainly taught that he will sometime return to this earth and claim his bride. The words "bride" and "bridegroom" were used because everybody knew what they meant in real life.

Then if Christ is the Bridegroom, who is the bride? The general belief is that the whole body of saved people, living and dead, will constitute the Bride. And it is believed and taught that all who do not belong to the Bride class will be eternally lost. But that is a terrible mistake. The scriptures teach that the Bride will be only a "little flock"—a small company of special faithful ones who have been tried and tested and found worthy of the highest honors.

> Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—Luke 12:32.

Many are called, but few are chosen. The present army draft illustates it very well. A great many more men are called before the exemption boards than can be chosen as soldiers. Many are not fit for soldiers. And some who are chosen will not be able to stand the strain of soldier life, and they will be discharged and sent home. Getting into the Bride class is something like that. Those who get in must be called and chosen and faithful.

> For he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.—Rev. 17:14.

Some writers are of the opinion that the Bride Class will consist of just 144,000 saints. They get that from the 14th Chapter of Revelation:

> And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.—Rev. 14:1-4.

I have never been sure whether it means just that literal number in the Bide class, but I see no reason why it should mention that particular number unless it means it. Anyhow, we can readily see that the number is small compared to the millions of earth, for it goes on down in a verse below and says:

> And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come.—Rev. 18:6-7.

We see there that the gospel is going to be preached during the Judgment Day, and that there will be nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples on earth to hear it. This will all happen AFTER the Bride is taken away from the earth, and AFTER the marriage with the Bridegroom has occurred. Thus it is plain that the Bride does not include all saved people, because the gospel is to be preached and people saved during the Judgment Day, and AFTER the Bride has already been completed and taken away.

This little company that constitutes the Bride of Christ will be given spiritual bodies, just like the body that Christ had after his resurrection. They may have power to make themselves visible whenever they want to, just as Christ did, but at all other times they will be invisible to the natural eye. But they will be just as literally present as if they could be seen, and they will exercise great spiritual power and rule the earth in righteousness. To carry out the "marriage" idea still further, this little company of overcoming saints—the Bride of Christ—will act as "housekeeper" for the great King of kings. They will be his wife, literally, and they will help Christ manage the affairs of earth just as a good wife helps her husband manage the affairs of the home.

But the great majority of those who really are Christians will fall short of these highest honors and have to take an humbler place in the Kingdom. Instead of being rulers, they will merely be citizens of the Kingdom. They will have their literal flesh and blood bodies and will live on the earth just as we do now, except under vastly more favorable conditions. Satan will be chained and helpless, and the tendency of everything will be toward good instead of evil.

The general belief is that all people who are ever to be saved at all must be saved before Christ comes to claim his Bride. It has been supposed that the purpose of this gospel age was to convert the whole world, or at least all that were ever going to be converted. But a bigger mistake was never made. In this age Christ has only been "taking out a people for His name," just as a young man going out to get married selects one woman from among all the wonem of the world and gives her his name.

> Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.—Acts 15:14.

The Bible uses this marriage figure simply to illustrate how and when the great increase in the family of Christ may be expected, and it certainly means to convey the idea that it will not be until after the Bride and Groom are married. The Bible teaches plainly enough that the marriage is to occur at the time of the Second Coming, and if that event is in the future, then the marriage is certainly in the future, too. Hence we must wait until the Bridegroom comes to claim his Bride before we can expect the world at large to be born into the Kingdom of Christ.

Probably less than one out of a thousand who really think they are Christians will get to be in the Bride class. But those who prove unfit to be in that class are not lost, as the common teaching would have it. They are saved, but on a different plane. They have missed the "high calling," but they are not lost. The failure to recognize two entirely separate and distinct classes of saved people is what gets the majority of people so confused about these things.

And so let us remember that it will be AFTER the coming of Christ that the world at large will be gathered into the fold and become the children of the Kingdom.

Of course this line of teaching plays smash with the old creeds, but that's exactly what needs to be done. Cut loose from the man-made creeds and find out what the Bible says. That's the idea.

WHEELS.

I want to stop right here long enough to ask one question: What did God make this earth for, anyway? Did He go to all that trouble just to fix a place for man to fight and pull hair on for a few years, and then destroy it?

I tell you No!

I want to call your attention to the fact that this earth bears the same relation to the universe that a little cog in a very small cog-wheel bears to some great machine. The wheel may be small, but it is an important part of the machine. The cog may be still smaller, yet an important part of the wheel. The wheel, as well as each cog in the wheel, is expected to remain in place and do its duty as long as the machine runs.

Now you take any big, complicated machine, and you will find that it has in it big wheels and little wheels. And you will find that the speed of the wheels in turning is in exact proportion to the size of them. That is, the smaller the wheel the faster it turns. The rims of the little wheels must travel as far in any given time as the rims of the big wheels, and in order to do it they must turn a great deal faster than the big ones. You just watch a big long-legged man and a little child out on the street walking, and see how fast the little kid has to toddle in order to keep up with the big man. It is the same way with the little wheels and the big wheels in a machine.

Now, as I said, the universe is a big machine. Our Solar System is a cog-wheel in that machine. And our earth is a cog in the wheel. Now it is positively known that some of the big wheels in the universe require 27,000 years to make one revolution. Therefore they have not made one fourth of a turn since the dawn of recorded history. There may be still bigger and slower wheels in the universe, but even if this 27,000 year wheel is the biggest, we know that it would make less than forty revolutions in a million years. Now it seems to me that God wouldn't have made such a machine as that unless He had some permanent use for it. It just don't seem reasonable to me that He would have wasted so much material and labor on a machine that He intended to destroy before it had made a dozen turns, maybe.

Therefore I feel reasonably safe in saying that this little cog (the earth) is a permanent part of God's big machine, and that He aims for it to stand here and be inhabited by people right on and on. Of course the devil slipped in and put an old nasty gob of tar on this little cog, so as to make it bump and clatter and cause trouble, and six thousand years of running has not worn it off yet. But now the little cog is getting so hot with the fires of war that all the old gummed up nasty stuff that the devil put on will be melted off and our little cog will be left nice and clean, so it can run smooth and easy on through the perfect ages of the future.

That's my view of it. Now if you've got a better one, let's have it.

PARAGRAPHS.

If the Kaiser isn't the devil, it's a safe bet that the devil is jealous of him.

Not quite ready to start the Weekly yet, but it's a *comin'*. Don't give it out.

No person who reads and understands the Bible prophecies can have any sympathy for Germany.

If you find anything in this paper that ain't so, just crack away and prove it. That's what you are hired for.

They say, "Oh, it ain't right to set dates for future events to happen!" Well, the Bible does it, and what are you going to do about that?

You can just depend on it that this Great War will end exactly like it OUGHT to end. And since it is a clear case that Germany is in the wrong and OUGHT to be defeated, therefore she WILL be defeated. But it is liable to be a hard, bloody job yet. Give the Allies every bit of help and encouragement you can, and don't get out of heart.

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JUST SOME COMMENTS.

[illegible] I am just going to [illegible] I am going to fill this [illegible] News largely with [illegible] on the happenings of the day, considered in their relation to Bible prophecy. So many folks are cranky about prophecy. Some go to one extreme and some go to the other extreme. Some believe too much and others don't believe anything. Seems to me that there ought to be a middle ground of reason and common sense that we could find somewhere. That's what Good News wants to do.

We often hear it said that this business of setting dates for certain future events to happen is folly and fanaticism. Well, generally speaking, that's very true, but there are two sides to every question. I have come to believe that there are actual dates and numbers given in the Bible, and that they have been hidden in such a way as not to be seen and known until the proper time for them. Now if some folks have guessed at a thing and missed it, we know that reduces by just that much the range within which the truth must be found. For instance, if William Miller said the end of the Age would come in 1844 and it didn't, it is an evident fact that the next man who "guesses" is bound to be nearer right than Miller was. And if the end is ever going to come, and people keep on "guessing" about it, somebody is going to hit it pretty close.

But if, as I contend, the dates of certain things are actually given in the Bible, then it isn't a matter of "guessing" at all. It is merely a matter of understanding the symbols and figurative language used. And every time an interpretation turns out wrong, that reduces by one the number of wrong interpretations that are possible. So I contend that it is possible to arrive at the truth by the process of elimination.

Bible prophecy has been a very live subject all through the years, but there never was a time in the history of the world when it was so much alive as it is right now. The great time of trouble that is now upon us has caused at least part of the people to stop in their mad rush and do some thinking. They are wondering what it all means, anyhow. Some of them are asking, "What if old man Russell was right, after all? What if this is the end of Gentile times and the beginning of a new dispensation?" And to all such questions there is only one answer—yes Russell was right. There is not one chance in a hundred for it to be any other way. Dear reader, it was just as hard for me to come to it as it is for you. But I came to it and you will have to do the same. The longer you cling to your old creeds and your old conceptions, the harder fall you will get when you do have to let loose.

People were not looking for such a war as this. They didn't think such a thing could come in this highly civilized and Christianized age. A few far-sighted men, among them Russell and Redding, predicted this thing 25 or 30 years before it came. They named the very YEAR it would come. With great positiveness they repeated the date 1914 over and over in their writings. But of course nobody believed them. They were laughed at as cranks and fanatics or denounced as false prophets.

But now even their bitterest enemies are bound to admit that they hit it exactly. No reasonable person would ask for any better proof that they knew what they were talking about. The great Time of Trouble started exactly at the time they said it would start. And there is plenty of reason to believe that it will go on and end just like they said it would.

One thing is certain—the old dry-rotted creeds and the old stand-pat theologies have got to go. The events that are due to come in the end of this Age (the "end of time" as the creeds call it) will not be anything at all like what the people have supposed. They have had it all mapped out, even to the smallest detail, and they are going to find that the actual events will hardly resemble their map anywhere at all. Their outline of the events was all wrong and their creeds are all wrong. They are looking for a certain series of events that will fit their creeds, and they will never see it. It will all be as different from what the orthodox folks are looking for as day is different from night. And that's why they are so befuddled about the things that are happening now. The old-line preachers and teachers are all at sea concerning the momentous events of these days. They see that a great crisis of some sort has arrived, and they see that it ain't like anything they have taught the people to expect. In their hearts they know they have been wrong, but they are too stubborn to admit it. And so the only thing they can do is to jump up and down and cuss Russell and Redding—men whose prophecies HAVE COME TRUE to the very letter.

Wait a Minute.

Wait a minute. Or maybe it may take two minutes. But wait. Got sump'm to tell ye. Are you still waiting? That's right. Just be patient. A good story like this is worth waiting for. This introduction is just to get your appetite whetted for it right good and you will enjoy it better. Some people have no patience about a thing of this sort. Always nervous and on the jump. They run clean ahead of their good luck and never give it time to catch up. Don't do that, my friend— it isn't best. Wait till—

Yes, I'm coming to it, but wait. Take a deep breath and close your eyes. Pray a little if you want to. But don't cuss. This ain't no cussing matter, if it does look like it.

The Bible says— Oh, that reminds me. I was going to tell you something. But please wait a second. What I started out to say was that it would please me plum to the gizzard for every reader of this paper to get up a big bunch of subs for it and send them in right away. Now don't wait any longer. Get busy.

Some good old souls will tell you that it requires the aid of the Holy Spirit to understand the prophecies, and then they will try to make you believe that nobody but their own little sect have got the Holy Spirit. Which makes God seem like a mighty sectarian sort of a Being, and I tell you that just won't do.

The Prodigal Son.

We are all familiar with the story of the Prodigal Son in the New Testament, but it has a meaning that very few people have thought of. We know the sense in which it is usually understood, and it means that. But it also means more. It is a perfect illustration of the Children of Israel and their wandering and homeless condition in the world.

The Jew is the real Prodigal Son. He was the chosen and favored of God, and he had everything he needed to make him happy. But he wasn't satisfied. He wanted to leave home and forsake his God and go out and do big things in the world for himself. God knew very well what would happen to him, but He also knew it would learn the Prodigal Jew a lesson he would remember.

We know the rest—how the proud Prodigal went out and wandered over the earth and squandered his substance in riotous living, got hungry and ragged, and had to eat with hogs, and be kicked and cuffed around like a dog.

The Prodigal Jew was proud and haughty, and it took a long time to humble him. But he finally came to it. Now he has made up his mind to return to his Father's house and take a servant's job, not feeling worthy to be called a son any more.

But God looks out and sees the Prodigal Jew coming back, and runs to meet him, and weeps over him, and gives him a great welcome. He puts a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and orders the best robe to be brought and the fatted calf killed, and—oh, you know how it goes.

Well, the Prodigal Son is the Jew, and his welcome back home, and the great feasting and happiness, is the Millennium just now at hand.

Some people tell me that they are not interested in the study of prophecy and its fulfillment. Well, the man who is asleep on the railroad track is not interested in the approaching train, either, but he had better be.

God is a heap better God than His orthodox followers think He is. And that's a fact.

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The Weekly.

The Weekly Good News will be started just as soon as enough subs have been received at 50 cents a year to enable me to get the Linotype Machine. They are coming in at a very satisfactory rate. Keep it up. Remember that subs to the weekly sent in now, before the weekly starts, cost only fifty cents a year. This is only an advance offer. After the weekly starts it will cost more. So send 'em in now.

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James E. Howell, J. P.

My commission expires in 1521.

PARAGRAPHS.

The old-fashioned preaching seldom fails to put people to sleep, but my preaching wakes 'em up. Say, do you hear?

Does your mental machinery need oiling? Just a little of my gab will make it run like a new Buick. Try it and see.

Other papers are having their "dull season" along now, but we hope there will not be any "dull season" for Good News.

If you refuse to read anything you do not believe, how are you going to believe anything you do not read?

You may not be interested NOW in what this paper has to say, but in less than four years from to-day you will wish you had been interested. Mark that.

And still the Big Ikes are talking about what big things they are going to do "after the war." Poor fools! There will not be any "after the war" for them.

There are several pyramids in Egypt, but there is only one Great Pyramid. If you have not made a careful study of that great subject you had better get busy.

Good News will lighten the burdens of those who are heavy laden and bowed down with grief over the loss of loved ones and other troubles resulting from the great war.

After reading your copy of Good News, hand it or mail it to some friend who might be interested in it. In this way every copy sent out can be made to do double-duty. Be sure and do it.

I don't pretend to know all the little details of what is coming, but I know the general course of events and the big things that will happen. You think I'm lying, don't you? Well just wait and see.

If you desire to help your neighbor, just ask him to subscribe for Good News and you will be easing your conscience, leading your friends to see the light and doing us a friendly turn at the same time.

According to the best Bible chronology, the time for the Great Jubilee is just about due now and there is going to be a great readjustment of the finances of the world. After the Great Jubilee gets started there will be no more millionaires and no more paupers.

When They Awake.

There is going to be a quaking,
And a powerful awaking,
And the old dry bones will rattle in that day;
Oh, you may be dead and rotten,
But you will not be forgotten
In the morning when the mists have rolled away.

There will be some great surprises
When the human family rises
And beholds the shining glory of the Lord;
There will be no more complaining
When the King of kings is reigning,
And He gives to every servant his reward.

Some will be surprised at learning
That there is no endless burning
For the poor bewildered sinners who have died;
But the love of God extending
Through eternity unending,
Till the longing of the race is satisfied.

Some now groping in their blindness
Will then marvel at the kindness
Of a God so vastly kinder than their creeds;
They will bow their heads and wonder
How they made so great a blunder
In their estimate of how the Bible reads.

—James Larkin Pearson.

The Candlestick

As a Premium.

Through the kindness of the author, Mr. C. D. Adams, I have been able to obtain a few hundred copies of a remarkable book entitled "The Candlestick." The book deals in a very frank and candid manner with the problems of prophecy, and most of the author's conclusions are well sustained. I cannot say that I agree exactly with everything in the book, but it is on the right line and well worth reading.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. James L Pearson,
Boomer, N. C.
Dear Sir;

Since reading Rev. G. W. McElroy's article in the Feb. Good News I have intended to write something on Eternal Torment and Infidelity. Believing your readers will be interested in a few Bible facts, I submit the following:

Skeptics cannot understand how a God of love, mercy, wisdom, justice and all power could conduct matters as proclaimed by popular Christianity. They choke at the idea of God making an eternal abyss of torture for His own creatures, especially when He was gifted with all foreknowledge that most of the human family would go there, and when He had all love and wisdom to plan otherwise and all power to do as He pleased.

Truly to reason on this line is to doubt. The Bible presents no such idea of the Creator, but praises and glorifies His holy character. The truth stamps popular Christianity as blasphemy and error.

A few facts: Everybody goes to hell. The Savior went there. Righteous Job actually prayed to go to hell Why? Because hell is the grave, or death condition, in which good and bad alike remain till the resurrection day.

The Hebrew word "sheol" is positively the only hell word in the Old Testament. Its Hebrew definition is: "The unseen state; the place of the dead." It occurs 65 times, and nowhere is the word "fire" associated with it.

Solomon says: "There is no work, nor knowledge, nor device, nor wisdom in Sheol (hell) whither thou goest." Why? Because all in hell are dead. Referring to the resurrection, Rev. 20:13 says: "Death (working in mankind) and hell (the grave) delivered up the dead (not the living) which were in them"

"Sheol" in the Old Testament is translated only 25 times "hell," three times "pit," and 33 times "grave".

In the Revised Version "sheol" is translated "hell" only about 20 times out of 65, and its Greek equivalent, "Hades," in the New Testament (11 times) is not translated "hell" at all, but is simply left untranslated, because the translators knew that it did not mean eternal torment.

Only 16 out of 66 Bible books mention "hell" in the English. St. Paul wrote 14 books of the New Testament, but never mentioned "hell". John never mentioned it in his gospel nor in his three epistles, nor Peter in his two epistles. It is not mentioned in Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephania, Haggai, Zechariah, nor Malachi.

It is passing strange that all there prophets did not harp on the dangers of falling into that eternal agony which is supposed to be the lot of us all.

J. L. V., Belfast, N. Y.

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Things Come When Needed.

[illegible] will take the trouble to [illegible] up, you will find that every[illegible] when any particular ma[illegible]stance becomes scarce and [illegible] for it remains the same, [illegible] will appear with a substitute as good and often better [illegible] original.

[illegible] a medical advertisement [illegible] the plain unvarnished [illegible] you will lay aside all [illegible] divest yourselves [illegible] particle of orthodox [illegible] will be prepared to [illegible]thing that will do you [illegible] as life lasts and you [illegible] less than Divine.

[illegible] early Colonial days of our [illegible], business could be carried [illegible] without railroads, telegraph, telephone or electric lights, [illegible] came when the old methods [illegible] slow to keep up with [illegible] and so Ben Franklin [illegible] the lightning and [illegible] came in with a wire for it [illegible] operate upon, and in this way [illegible]tionized business to such an extent that other things had to be [illegible]ented to keep business evened [illegible] Stephenson came along with his locomotive and made things hum in the freight and passenger departments, but finally so many people and so much business made it necessary to work at night, but it was too dark for that and so along came Tom Edison with his electric lights and this made it necessary for other things to follow and follow they did, and will until everything becomes so ballanced and in such perfect working order that nothing can be done to improve the conditions existing when that day shall dawn. A crooked stick was all that the Indians needed to plow with, but when the white men came over here and failed to find gold enough to make them independent, they made plows of iron and greatly improved the farming business.

A Boy Dixie or Ward plow was good enough for our fathers to use in cultivating their crops, but now it takes a gasoline tractor to do the thing properly. Folks used to be satisfied to ride in buggies, carts, and wagons, but now they must ride in Fords and automobiles.

The old-time sailing vessels were good enough to bring our forefathers to this country, but now the people ride on the sea, over the sea and under the sea. You will find some scripture, by reference to the Bible, that will remind you of these things. Try it. I might go on in this way until I have entirely covered the field of modern inventions and show why it was necessary for each one to appear upon the scene of action, just at the time it did appear, but I am trying only to get you to see that everything comes along just when it is necessary for it to come. If this is true in regard to things earthly, why should it not be true also of things Divine? Certainly man is not more capable of managing his business than God is of managing His, and therefore we must conclude that, inasmuch as the invention of material things comes along in a well-ordered and natural way, just at a time when they are most needed, so must spiritual needs come along in just as natural ways and well ordered times.

The old creeds did very well for our forefathers, because the time had not arrived for them to understand things that we should know now; but if we refuse to be benefitted by the "True Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" we shall certainly have to answer for this negligence at a throne of Justice.

It is necessary now, for us to see that the present order of things is rapidly passing away, with a great noise, and sooner than most people think, will dawn that blessed day when everything will be in perfect peace and harmony; the equilibrium will be restored, Justice will prevail and no man will have to ask his neighbor if he knows the Lord, for every one shall know Him from the least to the greatest.

"Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

Naturally then, without the Scriptures, ye would not have eternal life.

How do I know these things? By reference to the Holy Bible, and you may learn it the same way, for God has hidden those things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes.

Not quite ready to start the Weekly yet, but it's a comin'. Don't give it out.

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What do you think of the line of talk I am giving you this time? If you believe my New Message contains something that the people ought to read and think about then I want you to appoint yourself as a missionary to help spread it among your friends. Tote this issue around in your pocket and read it to people you meet and ask them what they think about it. You will find more people thinking along these lines than you might suppose. And if you happen to strike a few who have not yet begun to think on these things, this paper will wake them up and put them to thinking.

The whole human race today is aware of the fact that this old earth is passing through a great crisis, and that SOMETHING of far-reaching consequence to the people must be the result. The human mind is in a questioning attitude, wondering if this really is the end, and the old cut-and-dried conceptions of what is going to happen in the wind-up are being changed rapidly.

Hence the time is ripe for this New Message, and I want you to help me spread it into every nook and corner of this broad land. It is going to take a great deal of money to run this thing under present conditions. Print paper costs about twice what it formerly did, and some kind of war tax (in the form of postage or otherwise) is going to fall heavily on all publishers. And besides that, I am constantly needing to add new machinery and office equipment to handle the business. You folks hustle up the clubs and I'll furnish the chin-music till every thing goes easy.

If you find anything in this paper that ain't so, just crack away and prove it. That's what you are hired for.

Book Department

For some time past I have been receiving so many inquiries about the various books on prophecy mentioned in Good News that I have decided to establish a regular Book Department and undertake to supply my readers with a few of the best books along these lines. I will handle and supply the books at publishers' prices, or less, merely as an accommodation to the readers of Good News.

The world is full of books on prophecy, but most of them have been rendered obsolete and out of date by the mighty events of these last days. Only a very few prophecy books are able to stand the test of the actual fulfilment that is now going on around us. These are the books that I propose to handle, and I trust the readers of Good News will buy and read these books and give careful heed to the mighty message contained in them.

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Boomer, N. C.

We are at present engaged in the flagging business, flagging down those who are running over each other in a mad effort to learn what is happening to this old world. We were fortunate enough to find out and are anxious to tell those who will lend a listening ear.

This paper has no cut-and-dried "creed" to go by, and it hasn't the least particle of prejudice in its make-up, but it does know a few things that are of vital interest to the world right now. I serter think it would pay you to keep in touch with this shebang, anyhow.

DISARMAMENT.

The following article on "Disarmament" appeared in a former issue of Good News, and is here reprinted by request.

Here is one thought concerning the war, and the possibility of its ending any time soon, that I want you to get.

If this is to be the last war, as we all fervently hope, then it cannot end until all the great armies and navies of the world have in some way been destroyed or put out of commission. The fighting may go on until they are all actually destroyed in battle. Or it could be possible that the people will get enough of it and demand of their respective governments a general world-wide disarmament.

At some future time in the history of nations the swords are to be beaten into plowshares, but that could be after the sword is so battered and broken that it is no longer a fit weapon to fight with. In one way or another all the great war machinery of the world must be put out of business. Just as long as armies and navies continue to exist in the world some excuse will be found to use them. The only way to get rid of war is to first get rid of the tools with which war is made.

Here is an illustration: When a man is discovered with a blockade still hid out in the mountains making blockade liquor, what happens? Why, the officers go and cut up the still and destroy all the tools and material that could enter into the manufacture of liquor. Why do they do that? Why wouldn't it be a better idea to leave the still as they find it and tell the man to put up two or three more like it—as a guarantee that he wont make any more booze? Tell him to keep his stills in good working order, always ready to make liquor at a moment's notice—but he mustn't make any! Wouldn't that be a dandy way to get rid of booze?

But that would be just exactly as sensible as trying to get rid of war without first getting rid of the machinery with which war is made. This is so plain and simple that it looks like the rulers could see it, but they don't. They claim that they don't want to make any more of the booze of war after the present big doubling comes off, but they expect to go right on keeping up their "stills." Oh, the folly of it!

The ruling powers of this old world have got lots to learn yet, I'm afraid the only way they will learn is by bitter experience. They will probably not agree to disarm until the destruction of battle has brought every fighting force to the end of its physical resources.

But the time has about arrived for the Golden Age of Peace to begin, and the soon-coming Prince of Peace will see to it that war and militarism are put out of the way.

Yes, disarmament must come and will come, and the world can have its choice of just two ways for disarmament to come. Either the nations must willingly and peaceably disarm themselves, or they must fight till they disarm each other. They are trying out the latter method now as fast as they can, but it is a slow and expensive way of doing what could be done so much quicker and cheaper.

But the over-ruling hand of God is in all this business, and disarmament will come in exactly the way He has planned for it to come, and all the efforts of men can't change it. They think NOW that they will go right on keeping up their armies and navies, but by the time this is all over they will be mighty willing to change their minds about it.

Be Patient, Please.

It is really wonderful the way the subs are rolling in for the Weekly Good News, even before it is definitely decided when the Weekly will start. This proves that the Weekly will be well received when it does come. I just want to say here that we are now entering the dullest season of the year for this business, and I think it best to wait till a little nearer the end of the summer before launching the Weekly. Then I will not have such a long "dull spell" to pull through with the increased expenses before the boom season comes again.

If the business world don't go to smash all at once and make it impossible for any paper to run, I sure intend to make Good News a weekly paper in the near future. But I want to get good and ready for it first. In the meantime, let the advance subs come along at 50 cents per year for the Weekly, or 15 cents in clubs for the Monthly.

I have on hand great quantities of good contributed matter which I want to use as fast as possible, but I have discovered that a good many of my readers prefer my own writing mostly. I don't know why, because lots of people can write better than I can, but there seems to be some peculiar personality about my dope that the folks like. So it looks like I'll have to keep on grinding most of the juice out of my own top-knot.

What About Your Soldier?

There are mighty few homes in America to-day that have not either sent or expect to send a soldier into the army. Many will furnish two or three or possibly more. Thousands of my readers, no doubt, have brothers, sons, husbands or sweethearts already in the trenches. Thousands more will be there before the year is out.

This is a time of partings and tears, of broken family ties and broken hearts. It is a well known fact that somebody's brother, son, husband, or sweetheart will never come back. It may be yours. When you bid your soldier good-bye as he starts to the training camp, it may be the last sad parting. Only the fortunes of war can decide that.

And so if it turns out that your soldier does not come back, how are you going to feel about it? What are you going to believe his final destiny will be? Of course he was a good man— kind, true-hearted and affectionate. He never committed any crime nor did anything very bad in his life. But maybe he didn't claim to be a Christian. Maybe he had not gone through certain formalities that the creeds require. Maybe he wasn't a church-member, and maybe he didn't believe some of the twaddle that the preachers handed out.

Now if your soldier is a man like that, and if he dies like that, your preacher will come around and tell you that he died a poor lost sinner and that he will go to a terrible burning hell and be tormented through endless eternity.

Are you going to believe it? Are you going to believe that that true-hearted and brave souled boy who went out to defend your home and you against the terrible Hun— I say ARE you going to believe that a just God will doom him to such a fate as that?

Oh, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives, and sweethearts of our soldier boys, I believe most of you have got more sense than that. I believe you have more respect and reverence for Almighty God than to charge Him with such a thing.

It would indeed be terrible beyond the power of words to express if such a thing WERE true. How much satisfaction could you get out of life, either here or hereafter, if you believed that your soldier was lost forever in the orthodox hell? And how much could you love a God who would send your soldier to that place just because he went out to fight for you and got killed?

Ah, friends, I am glad to tell you that it is only a fable of the Dark Ages. There is nothing to it. Don't allow them to scare you with any such tommyrot.

The Bible tells us that there is going to be a resurrection of the dead—that the literal dead bodies will come forth and live again. I don't know what you think about it, but I'm fool enough to believe what the Bible says. And according to my understanding the time for the resurrection to begin is right here. It is due to come at the time of the Judgment Day, and that day is now going on. So there seems to be nothing else of importance on the program between us and the Resurrection. In my opinion those who fall in this war will not have long to remain dead. In a very few years they will be living here in the world again, under the glorious light of the Millennial Age, and surrounded by their friends and loved ones who will gladly welcome them back to life. There is no danger of their going to a place of eternal torment, because such a place does not exist and never will exist.

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The Jewish Army.

Elsewhere in this paper I am printing a very interesting editorial from the Wilmington (N.C.) Dispatch on the subject of Jewish Soldiers. Don't fail to read it. After being without a national army for thousands of years, it is a very impressive fact to see the Jews gathering up an army again. What does it mean? It means that the Jews are going to have their Promised Land restored to them and build up their national life again, just as the prophecies declare.

You see the different allied nations, among whom the Jews are scattered, giving them permission to form a separate army of their own and that army will be sent to Palestine to help Gen. Allenby drive out the Turks; but you may bet your brogans that Germany is not making any such offer. Germany has taken Turkey for an ally, and Turkey is against the Jews: so Germany doesn,t want the Jews to have an army.

If there was no other evidence as to which side is right, this is enough. Germany wants to keep the Jews scattered and homeless. The allies want to give them their ancient home. It is just as plain as the nose on your face that Germany is on the wrong side.

Jewish Soldiers.

Editorial in Wilmington Dispatch

In Canada the Jewish young men who are being called to the army under the conscription act are granted a privilege such as never before, so far as we have been able to learn, was tendered under similar circumstances. They are being permitted to choose the front on which they are to fight.

The military authorities of the dominion have agreed that a Jewish young man may, upon receiving his draft call, present himself at the recruiting office aud secure transfer to the separate Jewish units which are being organized for active service on the Palestine front. The already existing Jewish units in training in Canada are composed, at present, mainly of men who were ineligible for enlistment in the American national army. The dominion authorities have extended the same right of transfer to Jewish young men already in the service.

The Canadian military authorities were moved to grant this unique privilege by the fact that Great Britain has pledged itself to aid the Zionists in establishing a Jewish national homeland in Palestine, and that the Jewish administrative commission is already established in Jerusalem. A Jewish regiment recruited in London is reported as having participated in the Turkish rout at El-Salt recently. The enthusiasm evoked by that declaration and by the prospect that they will have the opportunity of striking a direct blow for the liberation of their ancestral home has already caused more than 1,000 young American Jews to enlist in the "Jewish Battalion." The Zionist organization of America is confident that the act of the Canadian government will speedily raise the number of Jewish units from a battalion to a division.

PARAGRAPHS.

I am not "preaching" in this paper, but merely talking and reasoning about things. Preaching is all right for those who can do it, but I am not a preacher. My job is not to work people up into a frenzy of emotion, but to convince them by cool-headed, common-sense reasoning.

In Revelation 8:9 we read about a time when "the third part of the ships will be destroyed." When has there ever been such a wholesale destroying of ships as in these last years? It is said to be a fact that about one third of the total number of ships in the world have already been destroyed. Who can doubt that the Seer of Patmos looked down the ages and saw the German U-boats in action?

It has been impossible to get the Pyramid articles ready to begin in this issue. It involves a great deal of study, research and writing that I have not had time to do. But I will get the articles ready as soon as possible and give them to you. Don't forget the Great Pyramid. I tell you it is of the very greatest importance to Bible students in these days.

Investigate ere you condemn.

THE TEN TOES.

There are two different schools of teaching in regard to the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's Image. One line of teaching says that the present governments of Europe, while not exactly ten in number, do in fact fulfill the prophecy of the ten toes. The old Roman Empire was broken up, and the present governments took its place, thus being in a sense just a continuation of the Roman power. This would connect the toes directly with the feet, which seems reasonable. According to this school the Times of the Gentiles are now out, and the next thing in order is the new Israel government.

But there is another school of interpretation which looks for one more distinct stage of Gentile rule before the final end. It says the present war will end in a Federation of Nations—just ten in number—and that these nations, when formed, will be the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's Image. But they say this last stage of Gentile dominion will be very short in comparison to the rest of it.

I have to confess that the present indications point to this latter fulfillment rather than the other. We are hearing so much these days about a League to Enforce Peace, a Federation of Nations, etc.

But there is one thing about it that I can't understand. If the Feet stopped away back yonder when the Roman Empire stopped, and if the Toes have not begun yet, it looks to me like a powerful big gap between the feet and the toes. We are accustomed to see the toes fastened right directly to the feet.

I don't pretend to know just yet which of these views is right. But it won't be long till we can all know. The war is going to end some time and some way. If it ends in what they call a United States of the World—a Federation of Nations, all pledged to help enforce peace—and especially if the nations thus united number just ten—you can safely put it down that there is the Ten Toe combination. Its duration will be just about as long as your big toe, and then there will be more trouble.

On the other hand, if you don't see these ten toes sticking out at the peace conference, you may safely say they have already passed and the 2,520 years of Gentile Times have ended. In that case you may look for the new Israel Goverment to come into great prominence right away. And I shall not be surprised if we of America turn out to be a part of Israel.

In either case, the Stone that smote the Image on the feet is not far away. It is only a question of whether we have already passed through the toes, or whether they are still to come. We shall soon see.

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The Weekly.

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If Christ Had Not Come.

I find that most people have a very hazy and indefinite notion of the penalty that was pronounced upon Adam and Eve for their sin. Let me put the proposition in the form of a question, and then see what sort of an answer can be found for it.

Suppose that Adam and Eve had been created and placed in a perfect Eden just like they were. Then suppose they had been tempted by the devil and had fallen just like they did. Then suppose the same punishment had been decreed against them that actually was decreed. And then, after everything else had happened just like it DID happen, suppose that no Redeemer had been provided. The question is, what would have been the final fate of Adam's race?

I have put the above question to several people, and I get a variety of answers, but most of them are divided between just two views of it. One view is that without a Redeemer the whole human race would have gone into an endless burning hell to be tormented eternally.

The other view of it is that the whole human race would have died the natural Adamic death and STAYED dead. Without the death and resurrection of Christ not one of Adam's race would ever have lived again, either in bliss or torment or anywhere else. They would have gone into oblivion and been just as if they had never existed.

Which answer is right? Why, the last one, of course. Those who hold to the "torment" view have simply failed to grasp and understand what the penalty was, in the first place. Read Genesis 2: 17 and Genesis 3:3. They were told that if they bothered the fruit of that tree they should die. Look at that word again—D-I-E die. Not one word said about ever living again, either, nor about being in torment somewhere. The Redeemer was never sent to save anybody from "eternal torment," simply because nobody has ever been under such a penalty. The punishment pronounced against Adam and Eve was just plain natural DEATH—the same sort of a death that a cow or a chicken dies—and they had no more prospect of ever living again than the cow or the chicken has. But God didn't want to see the human race come to that sort of an end, and so He provided a way by which man could live again. The descendants of Adam have never had the same chance Adam had. They were all condemned to death before they were born, not because of their own sin, but because of Adam's sin. God knew that if each individual of the race could have the same chance that Adam had they would not all do as bad as Adam did.

And so God sent His Son to conquer death and buy back the privilege of life for the human race. The Redeemer did not come to redeem PART of the people from eternal torment—He came to redeem ALL the people from the natural death condition.

For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive.—1st Cor. 15: 22

You see there that the redemption applies to ALL. Every individual of the race lost life through Adam, and every individual of the race is to get it back through Christ. At that stage of the game there is no distinction made between the good folks and the bad folks. The distinction comes later.

The redemption provides for two things. First, it provides for an absolute and unconditional resurrection from the first death, and this applies to good and bad alike. Second, it provides a CONDITIONAL escape from the SECOND DEATH, and this applies to all who will accept Christ as their Savior and live according to His will. But those who refuse to accept the conditions of life will die the SECOND DEATH, and then they will STAY DEAD. The second death will be just exactly like the first death, with the exception that there will be no Redeemer provided to get the people out of it.

And now here is another important matter that most people fail to get. There will be two separate and distinct classes of SAVED people. The first class will consist of the True Church—the Bride of Christ—those who accept Christ on FAITH during this Gospel Age. In the resurrection these will be given spiritual bodies and they will rule and reign with Christ over the earth during the Millennium. This is the "high calling" spoken of—the very highest honor that anybody can reach. And this high honor must be made safe and secure during this Age. Now is the only time to get it, and when the chance is gone there will never be another chance.

But after the Gospel Age closes and the Millennial Age sets in there will be another class of saved people. The great mass of humanity that failed to get in the Bride Class will then be offered a chance to reach perfection on the earthly plane of existence. The whole race—minus the Bride that has been taken away—will have a chance to get right back to where Adam and Eve were before they sinned and lost their paradise. Mind you, there will be nothing in the nature of a "second chance" about this. It will positively be their FIRST chance. The only offer that is now open is for entrance into the Bride Class, and only a comparative few will reach it. This is the "strait and narrow way" we read about, and after it is closed at the coming of Christ, then the "highway" will be opened and the world at large invited to come to human perfection like Adam and Eve before the fall.

PARAGRAPHS.

If your spirits are so depressed that you can see no silver lining to the ominous cloud that hangs like a pall over you, it is an evidence that you need Good News to put your mental machinery in perfect running order.

The average human mind is a curious piece of machinery. It will accept without question the statement that God worked miracles in the olden times, but to save your neck you couldn't make it believe that the same God could do the same thing now.

The Socialist party is not prospering these days, but the ideals for which it has fought are making more rapid strides than ever before. The same is true of the Prohibition party. I have been trying to figure out why that is so, and I have decided that political parties are like the scaffolding around a new building. The workmen need the scaffolding to work on, but when the building is about completed they tear the scaffolds down.

Are you satisfied to cling to a creed that offers you no balm to heal your misunderstandings? Fling to the four winds your prejudice, read the Bible and take it at what it says and the first thing you know, the old cob-webs that have clogged your thinking faculties so long, will be swept away and you will find a satisfying portion that will make you thank God that you didn't die with all that old rot in your system. "Perfect love casteth out fear."

Let me tell you once more that you had better begin to study that question of "The Times of the Gentiles." Learn what the term means, where it started, and how long it is. The Bible gives all the figures very plainly. By looking into this you will find out some things that will surprise you.

The Great Jubilee.

I feel impressed to keep right on telling my readers about the types and shadows of the old Jewish order and how they are to be fulfilled in the later Age.

God began to create types right at the very beginning when He set apart the seventh day as a Sabbath. That seventh day Sabbath was a type, and it moves ahead by steps to the great Thousand-year Sabbath of the earth.

The seventh year was a Sabbath year, and then every seven Sabbath Years led up to the Jubilee, which occurred every 50th year. If any Jew had lost everything during the past 50 years it automatically came back to him or to his children in the year of Jubilee. If any Jew had accumulated great wealth during the same period he had to give it up when the Year of Jubilee came. Everything was then adjusted and equalized and everybody [illegible] take a fresh start.

That was a good law even for that time, but the best thing about it is that it was a type of the Great Jubilee which is now about due. We get the time of the Great Jubilee by the same rule of mathematics by which the Jews got their 50-year Jubilee—by merely getting the square root of the one before it. The square root of seven gave them 49, and so when the 49th year was finished the next was the Jubilee.

Now we begin where their last 50-year Jubilee ended, and we get the square root of 50 and it tells us when the Great Jubilee is due to begin. Many great Bible scholars have figured over it and they all agree that it comes right about now. And if you will just look under the surface a little you will see everything shaping toward it. There will be no more millionaires and no more paupers. I could tell you just how this will be done, but I believe I'll let you guess at it awhile longer.

We talk of Homer, and Milton, and Shakespeare, and all the great classic poets, and we wonder why this age of the world does not produce any more like them. We shake our heads and say there will never be any more great poets. But wait! Why not? This age of the world is doing bigger things in many ways than ever were done before. Nerve and daring and heroism are now reaching their highest development, and if it takes great deeds to inspire great poets, we certainly have reason to expect that this age will not be barren of results.

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"The Finished Mystery."

Several readers have asked me to say what I think of the book called "The Finished Mystery". Well, to be right plum plain about it, I think it is a great big little old humbug, an unmitigated fraud, a shame and disgrace to the good man whom it tries to claim as its author.

The late Pastor Russell wrote six books of Scripture Studies that are well worth the careful study of every person in the world. They are not absolutely free from error, but they are so much nearer the truth than the average book on the subject that they deserve to be more widely read and understood. But since the death of Pastor Russell the men who have pretended to carry on his publishing work in Brooklyn have simply run the thing in the ground. They have gone ahead and issued a "seventh volume" called "The Finished Mystery" in which they make statements that Russell never would have made and they claim things for him that he never claimed for himself. The book pretends to be a posthumous work of Russell, but it is not so. To be sure, a large part of it consists of quotations from Russell's miscellaneous writings, but the quotations are misapplied and misinterpreted, and the compilers have put in enough of their own wild ideas to spoil the whole thing. Part of the book is seditious and all of it is dangerous. I am glad the government has taken action to suppress the humbug.

Well, Mister Man, what do you think of it by this time? If you just KNEW that 1918 was the last year that the present wicked world could stand, would you be glad or sorry? Well, we are not setting any dates, but the time is short, and what are you going to do about it?

HEART-TO-HEART TALK.

Now, dear readers and friends this is a personal letter to you. I want you to regard it as just as personal and just as important as if I had written it direct on my typewriter and mailed it to you in a sealed envelope under a three-cent stamp.

What do you think of the line of talk I am giving you this time? If you believe my New Message contains something that the people ought to read and think about then I want you to appoint yourself as a missionary to help spread it among your friends. Tote this issue around in your pocket and read it to people you meet and ask them what they think about it. You will find more people thinking along these lines than you might suppose. And if you happen to strike a few who have not yet begun to think on these things, this paper will wake them up and put them to thinking.

The whole human race today is aware of the fact that this old earth is passing through a great crisis, and that SOMETHING of far-reaching consequence to the people must be the result. The human mind is in a questioning attitude, wondering if this really is the end, and the old cut-and dried conceptions of what is going to happen in the wind-up are being changed rapidly.

Hence the time is ripe for this New Message, and I want you to help me spread it into every nook and corner of this broad land. It is going to take a great deal of money to run this thing under present conditions. Print paper costs about twice what it formerly did, and some kind of war tax (in the form of postage or otherwise) is going to fall heavily on all publishers. And besides that I am constantly needing to add new machinery and office equipment to handle the business. You folks hustle up the clubs and I'll furnish the chin-music till everything goes easy.

I don't expect to get everybody's eyes open all at once. But every little helps, and I want to do what I can to spread the light of the New Day.

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"AS A THIEF."

The Second Coming of Christ is to be "as a thief in the night." He says so himself. And in different places we find the same assertion.

What does it mean? How does a thief come? At a time and in a way that the people are not expecting. Certainly. He does not come with a great light and the sound of trumpets to call attention to his arrival. No, a thief never comes that way. He slips in just as silent and easy as possible, and he takes particular care to not let anybody know he is on the place. That's the way a thief comes.

And so the scriptures tell us that Christ will come as a thief. In order to do that he must come at a time and in a way that the people are not expecting. Let us next find out how the people are expecting it to be. Well, you know most of the creeds teach that he will come with a great light shining around him and a great trumpet blast and all sorts of big demonstrations so that nobody could fail to know of his coming. Yes, that's the way they are looking for him. Now listen! Can't you see that that very fact makes it *absolutely necessary* for him to come some OTHER way? Stop and let that soak in awhile.

Now take into consideration the fact that Jesus was living in the world about 30 years before he attracted much attention. He was quietly BORN into the world that time, and not many people knew or cared anything about it. And I think that could possibly have been meant as an illustration of how it would be at his second coming. I think it is not impossible that he could have come several years ago in a very quiet and unseen manner, and it may have been his unseen presence here that started the present overturning of earthly kingdoms. And it must be about time now for him to be REVEALED. If you will examine the New Testament carefully you will find that it nearly always uses the word "reveal" in connection with the second coming. Now we all know that to "reveal" a thing is to uncover or make known something that was already present, but hidden. At the time of his revealment every eye will see him, but it will also indicate that he had secretly come some time before. Stop again and let it soak in some more.

Yes, honey, the Kaiser is the devil, and the Millennium cannot start till the devil is chained. Are you doing all you can to help chain him?

JOSEPH AND AMERICA.

This is a time of tottering thrones and tumbling kingdoms. Nations are falling all around us like doll houses before a cyclone. Just to stand off and look at it, one would naturally suppose that nothing would be saved out of the wreck. Some of the nations of the old world are certain to go to the scrap-heap. This is particularly true of Germany and Turkey And probably several others. And the nations of Europe that are not entirely destroyed will be changed so much that they will hardly resemble themselves. In the first place, they will be humbled, and then they will be set right and blessed.

The question is: In all this overturning of nations, what is to become of America? Will she go down with the rest, or has she been divinely set apart as an agent of mercy and blessing for the rest of the world?

It has just occurred to me that possibly the life of Joseph might have been a type of America. Let us examine it in that line a few minutes.

To start with, Joseph was next to the youngest of Jacob's sons, Benjamin alone being younger. America is among the youngest nations of the world.

Joseph had a lot of wonderful dreams of future greatness. So did America. Joseph's dreams came true. What about the dreams of America?

Joseph's bretheren hated him and tried to destroy him. America's sister nations hated her at first and tried to destroy her.

But in a far-away land Joseph prospered and became great, so that his brethren had to bow down before him and beg for help when they were in trouble. In like manner America, far across the seas from her sister nations, has prospered and become great. And now they have called on her for help and she is helping them.

Joseph supplied his brethren with wheat when they were starving. The Bible story calls it corn, but we know it actually was wheat, because the cereal we call corn was not grown in that country at all. And now just look how America is supplying wheat to her sister nations in Europe.

Joseph put each man's money in the mouth of his sack. America is returning Europe's money, too—in the shape of loans.

Joseph was not destroyed, but remained great and powerful and was the means of saving his brethren from destruction. If America is the antitype of Joseph, then America will not be destroyed, but will remain great and powerful and will be the means of saving the sister nations of Europe from utter ruin. When I say "sister nations" I do not include Germany and her allies. They are not sisters.

Another strong evidence that the United States of America is the Joseph of nations is the fact that the Great Seal of the United States bears a picture of the Great Pyramid of Egypt. No man can figure out why such a design was put on our national seal, unless it was that God wanted it there to convince us—at the proper time—that we are the New Egypt.

I am not stating this as a fact, but merely suggesting how it looks to me. What do you think?

Let Us Reason Together.

Ever hang around a livery stable and see a man purchase a horse? Doubtless you noticed how careful he was in the selection. That's business. Ever see how carelessly a man selects a wife to become the mother of his children and perpetuate his name? That's love, so folks say; but somehow, I feel that it is business too. If a man gets a horse that does not suit his needs he can trade for another, or sell him for cash. If he gets a wife that is ill-tempered and ugly in her demeanor and wholly unsuited to be the mother of his chidren, the man is not allowed to trade her off for a poodle dog, even if he so desires.

Which do you think he should be most careful in selecting, a wife, or a horse? A few observations and a little reasoning will convince you that many inconsistencies are rampant in this world.

Did you ever question yourself and try to find out if you really believe the creed you profess to follow? Try it and see if it harmonizes with the scriptures and if it doesn't, then read, study and reason out the thing yourself and you will be surprised at the things you have stumbled over for years. Listen carefully and it will be only a little while before you hear somebody quoting Webster's old Blue-back speller for real scripture. It says: "Our bodies are mortal and will soon die; our souls are immortal and will never die." Ever see such an assertion anywhere else? Well, not in the Bible, if anywhere.

The Holy Book does say that God only hath immortality. Adam did not possess it before he ate the forbidden fruit. God sent an angel to drive him from Eden lest he should partake of the Tree of Life and live forever. Immortality would make a man equal with God and nothing could destroy him, not even God Himself could do it. Enoch and Elijah, even though they were translated and did not taste death, were not immortal, because they could have sinned and suffered the penalty of sin which is Death, but they were accounted worthy of escaping the penalty. We have never been able to find any other penalty for sin except death, and really it seems strange how so many creeds and misunderstandings have found roosting places in the craniums of the worldly wise.

Christ came into the world to restore unto mankind what was lost by the fall of Adam, and if He fails to do it, His mission will be a failure. The next thing to consider is, what was lost by Adam's transgression? Look it up and reason out the thing for yourself; but one thing was the Garden of Eden, where the perfection of God's own handiwork was manifest and all manner of fruit grew in luxurious profusion.

The Tree of Life was there, and all this must again be restored to mankind and it will be. In the near future we are looking for everything to reach that state of perfection existing in that wonderful Eden, just after God created man. Will you be another transgressor like Adam and Eve were, or will you prefer to be obedient and enjoy the profusion of God's bountiful blessing? "Think on these things.

The Candlestick

As a Premium.

Through the kindness of the author, Mr. C. D. Adams, I have been able to obtain a few hundred copies of a remarkable book entitled "The Candlestick." The book deals in a very frank and candid manner with the problems of prophecy, and most of the author's conclusions are well sustained. I cannot say that I agree exactly with everything in the book, but it is on the right line and well worth reading.

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TO THE WAR-BEREAVED.

[illegible] impressed here of [illegible] I ought to make Good [illegible] a sort of special message [illegible] War-Bereaved — to [illegible] lost and will lose [illegible] husbands, sweethearts and friends in this Great War.

The list of Bereaved is now growing long, and every name in it means a saddened and broken-hearted home. If ever people needed a message of comfort, consolation and cheer, these bereaved ones certainly do need it now.

Good News feels that it has a very timely and very important message for the world—a message that ought to appeal to every one, but especially to those who are suffering the pangs of uneasiness for the absent and of bereavement for the dead. If your Soldier is fighting Over There, or if he has finished the fight and laid down his life for the cause of humanity, you have passed through an experience that others cannot know. The red-hot fires of suffering and bereavement have burned away all the dross of selfishness, hypocricy, pride and prejudice out of your heart. and you are ready to come right square out and accept the truth wherever you find it. If you have never been honest before, you are honest now. You are in too serious a state of mind to be otherwise. I may never have seen or heard of you, but if you have just received a telegram that Your Soldier is dead in France, I would not be afraid to trust you. And you would not betray the trust, either. You are honest. Your sorrow has lifted you above all the little mean things that you might have been guilty of before

And so I want to make friends with the bereaved. I want to talk to you through this little paper, and see if I can help to lighten your burdens and comfort your sorrowing hearts.

It is a sad fact that the established creeds—the orthodox churches—haven't much in the way of comfort or consolation to offer you. All they can tell you is that your Soldier—if he happened to be out of the church—is doomed to eternal torment in hell. I want to tell you, and I want to prove to you, that such is not the case. There is no place of eternal torment, never has been and never will be, and I think you dear people who are now brought face to face with this great question would like to know the truth. So let everybody rally to the support of Good News and we will all learn a few things.

Are You Tied to a Post?

Some folks are so hide-bound and prejudiced toward their old-established views that nothing in in the world can change them. They seem to think it would be an awful sin to change their views about anything, even though convinced that they had been wrong. They prefer to go on in a way that they know to be wrong rather than to acknowledge their mistake and get right.

But that's not me. If I know my own heart, I am entirely free from prejudice. But it was not always so. I used to be just as hide-bound a Baptist as you could find in forty states. I swallowed all that unreasonable dope about the immortal soul, going to heaven when you die, eternal torment, and all the rest of it. Why? Simply because I had been raised that way and hadn't yet begun to do any thinking for myself.

However, when I did get my thinker to working, I soon discovered that the ready-made creeds wouldn't do to depend on. Right there ended my creed-worship, and right there began my search for something both sensible and satisfying. To this good day I have not found any man nor any set of men that I am willing to follow all the way through. Some have one truth and some another, but all have a lot of error mixed along with it. To feel absolutely free in my mental and spiritual life, and to form my own opinions and change *them* when they need changing—that is my method now.

The wise man changes, but the fool never does. I am going to edit this paper to day according to the very best light I have today, while I keep right on trying to get better light tomorrow. This old world is moving these days, and a stationary creed is out of date.

Now, mister, if you've got breadth and liberality enough to travel with old Pearson along this road, come ahead.

Where Reason Is Needed.

Good News never tries to get you excited. A person in an excited condition is not capable of sane reasoning. And I contend that if God had not meant for us to use our reason He would not have given us any such a faculty. Furthermore, if cool and calm reason is ever needed it certainly is needed when we come to consider our future destiny. It is unthinkable that an All-Wise God would have given man a *reason* to guide him in the small and unimportant things of life, and then refuse to let him use that reason when he comes up against life's greatest problems. It would be like furnishing a man a compass to explore his own plantation, but driving him out to cross a strange continent by guess. No sir, God would never do a thing like that.

Your reasoning powers were given you to use in every time and condition of life. There are doubtless other gifts, and they may serve a higher purpose, but there is nothing to take the place of reason. Go to using your reason, mister man, and you will soon see that most of the things taught in the orthodox creeds are entirely unreasonable and out of place in a common-sense world.

There are several hundred different creeds, and each creed claims to be absolutely right. But they are all wrong to a great extent. Doubtless each one contains a few grains of truth mixed along with great oodlins of error. Just to walk in what light I have and get new light as fast as possible—that is my only creed.

The "immortal soul" is the only leg that "eternal torment" has to stand on, and it is an artificial wooden leg and is about worn out. People are beginning to read and think for themselves. You can't cram any old dope down the folks like you once could.

You can just depend on it that this Great War will end exactly like it OUGHT to end. And since it is a clear case that Germany is in the wrong and OUGHT to be defeated, therefore she WILL be defeated. But it is liable to be a hard, bloody job yet. Give the Allies every bit of help and encouragement you can, and don't get out of heart.

Notes and Comments.

It is absolutely necessary for me to repeat from time to time a good many things that I say, in order to emphasize them. One light tap on the head won't kill a bear. It takes hard licks and often repeated. It is the same way with getting the truth into the noggin of the average person.

Once more let me remind you that the things you look ahead to are never like you think they are going to be. You can read a description of a place you have never seen, and you think you know just how it looks. But when you really see the place with your own eyes it will hardly resemble the mental picture you had formed of it. And that is just the way it will be with the future events that the Bible tells about. They will be so different from the common conception of them that they will scarcely be recognized when they come. The Last Trumpet, the Judgment Day, and all these things, will probably be nearly over before the people realize what is happening.

There is no way of knowing for certain just yet whether the Ten Toes of the Image will develop at the end of this war. But it looks more and more like it every day. Just listen at all this talk about a Federation of Nations, and just keep your eye skinned to see who gets up the peace terms that will finally be accepted. If the Pope of Rome gets up the peace terms, you can just watch out. He will become the head of the Federation of Nations; he will be the literal and personal Antichrist; he will not last long, but while he does last there will be more trouble than any of us would like to think about. But remember this: Even if the Ten Toe phase of Gentile dominion is still to come, it is certain to be short; and then will come the Golden Age of peace and joy. Keep your eye on that.

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Now, dear readers and friends this is a personal letter to you. I want you to regard it as just as personal and just as important as if I had written it direct on my typewriter and mailed it to you in a sealed envelope under a three cent stamp.

What do you think of the line of talk I am giving you this time? If you believe my New Message contains something that the people ought to read and think about then I want you to appoint yourself as a missionary to help spread it among your friends. Tote this issue around in your pocket and read it to people you meet and ask them what they think about it. You will find more people thinking along these lines than you might suppose. And if you happen to strike a few who have not yet begun to think on these things, this paper will wake them up and put them to thinking.

The whole human race today is aware of the fact that this old earth is passing through a great crisis, and that SOMETHING of far-reaching consequence to the people must be the result. The human mind is in a questioning attitude, wondering if this really is the end, and the old cut-and dried conceptions of what is going to happen in the wind-up are being changed rapidly.

Hence the time is ripe for this New Message, and I want you to help me spread it into every nook and corner of this broad land. It is going to take a great deal of money to run this thing under present conditions. Print paper costs about twice what it formerly did, and some kind of war tax (in the form of postage or otherwise) is going to fall heavily on all publishers. And besides that, I am constantly needing to add new machinery and office equipment to handle the business. You folks hustle up the clubs and I'll furnish the chin-music till everything goes easy.

I SEZ TO HIM, SEZ I.

It seems that I am always getting into arguments. Well, maybe that s what I am here for. Anyway, I like it very well. I now find myself locking horns with a good friend over some statements in a book he has written. The book is called The Candlestick, and I want to testify that in the main it is a mighty fine book and a mighty true book. It undertakes to prove some of the very same Bible truths that Good News is hammering away on, and it looks to me like the job is well done.

But in my opinion the writer made one bad bust. He claims to believe that he and his book were definitely foretold in prophecy. He puts himself up as a personage big enough to have been seen by the prophets away back yonder three or four thousand years ago. To my mind that throws a damper over the whole thing. It spoils the good impression that the book would otherwise have made. Somehow it sounds boastful and egotistical to me. I have told the author in a personal letter just how I feel about it, and it just occurred to me that a part of the letter I wrote to him might be of interest to others. So I am printing it here:

"The only criticism I have to make on The Candlestick is the one I have already made—namely, in regard to the places in the book where you claim for it that it was foretold in prophecy, and that the writing and publishing of it was a direct fulfillment of prophecy. As I see it, that is claiming a little too much. A thousand other writers might make the same claim for their books, and with just as good reason, and they would all be wrong. In fact dozens of writers have made such claims and I believe them all to be laboring under a delusion. The fact that Jesus Christ located Himself in prophecy and boldly pointed out the places that referred to Him, is no reason you and I can do the same. He was in there to point out, but you and I are not. He was a God, but you and I are poor weak mortals just like countless millions of others. I am afraid you are looking at these matters without sufficient perspective. You are like the man who gets up on a little hill and looks around him, and it looks like he is in the exact center of the World and the sky comes down at the same distance from him all around. But to the fellow on some other little hill in some other part of the country it looks just exactly the same way. But they are both mistaken. They are the victims of an optical illusion. The center of the world is where we happen to be; but the center moves when we move, which proves that it wasn't any true center, after all. Something like that can and does happen in the THOUGHT WORLD, and I think you and a few other honest and well-meaning people have been taken in by it. If you could detach yourself from yourself and stand off far enough in time to get a proper perspective you would see how impossible your claims are.

The fodder-stack in whose shadow we are standing looks big, while the mountain fifty miles away looks small. The death of a cow in our own barn-lot is a more tragic event to us than the death of a senator in Washington. It is all a matter of perspective. A heap bigger things than you and I have happened all along down the line of time, and the reason they don't look big to us is because we are far from them. You and I look big and important to ourselves because we are NEAR OURSELVES. But to the people of another land or another age we wouldn't be a fly-speck."

Now What Can a Feller Do?

Well, folks, how are you all getting along by this time? I am still alive and kicking, but something is always bobbing up to interfere with my plans As most of you know, I have been hoping and planning to give you a weekly Good News, and I was expecting to start the weekly not later than some time in September.

But now what do you reckon? Uncle Sam comes along now and tells me that I must go and register and stand the examination for army service. So you see if I should have to go to the army right away, there would be no use to start the weekly paper. It places me in a rather uncertain position, and I don't know what to do. Of course I might fail to pass the physical examination, or I might get an exemption on account of my invalid wife's condition. But until these things are settled I can't be absolutely certain about starting the weekly.

So it looks like we will just have to hammer along like we have been doing for awhile yet. I am sorry things have turned out this way, but it can't be helped. I will do the very best I can just as long as I can, and that's all anybody ought to expect of me.

Another reason why it seems impossible to start the weekly now is the fact that the government is now going to require all publishers to reduce their consumption of paper 25 per cent below what it has heretofore been. To start the paper weekly I would have to not only double but quadruple the amount of paper used, whereas I am actually required to reduce it. So what is a feller to do, anyhow?

HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

If you think this dope I am giving you is something new that I have just gotten hold of and thought it would do for a sensation, you are badly mistaken.

It may be sensational to some folks, but it isn't new at all. It is as old as the Bible, and the fact that you didn't know it was in there ain't my fault.

Millions of people have believed these things for a long time, and millions more are beginning to believe them these days. It is no new revelation to me, but has been gradually unfolding before my eyes for several years. I have been just on the verge of launching this campaign two or three times before, but decided the time was not quite ripe for it.

Especially since the Great War started I have been convinced that we were in the closing scenes of this age, and I have not felt satisfied to go on being a mere clown to make people laugh. My "mouth has watered" more than once to say the things that I am now saying, and at last they are said. That is, some of them are said. There is plenty more to say. This is a mighty big subject, and as the hurrying stream of events rushes on it will get bigger.

Now, Mister, if you believe it or don't believe it, I want the privilege of talking to your head about a quarter's worth, anyhow. By that time you will either decide that I am a fool or that you are one, and maybe both of us will learn something.

Now come! Get up a big club and send it in. And if you think that way about it you can tell all your friends that Pearson has suddenly gone crazy and they just ought to watch his capers.

Please hand this copy of Good News to your Uncle Hiram or some of his folks when you get done reading it.

If you find anything in this paper that ain't so, just crack away and prove it. That's what you are hired for.

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GOD AND ELECTRICITY.

For the past three or four years there has been an idea roosting around in the corners of my brain which I have never dared to express publicly. It looked to me like it might be a reasonable idea, but [illegible] I was the only person [illegible] who ever entertained [illegible] But I have just [illegible] another man who [illegible] thinking about the same [illegible] B. F. Vance, of Bris- [illegible] writes as follows:

[illegible] I think on the sub- [illegible] I am convinced that [illegible] for where in [illegible] is there an ele- [illegible] come so near rep- [illegible] Nahum says the [illegible]'s voice, and it is [illegible] speaks the thun- [illegible] that voice of God came [illegible] to Jesus, 'some said [illegible]' Since the greatest [illegible] do not know what [illegible] is, why, then, may it [illegible] Spirit of God? Jesus, [illegible] image of his Father, says that when he comes again he will come as the lightning and will destroy the wicked with the brightness of his coming."

The writer of the above does not state anything as a fact. He merely offers a suggestion and speculates a little as to what might be. And I wonder if any other human being besides Vance and myself have ever had such a thought?

I remember very distinctly how the impression first came to me. I was out walking one moonlight night in the suburbs of a town. It was just light enough to make the electric power poles with their single cross-arms look exactly like a row of crosses I stopped and said to myself: Out there in the dim moonlight, and reaching on around the world, are a great number of crosses. And there is a power on them that men confess they don't understand. Two thousand years ago men put on a cross a power that they didn't understand, and now they have done it again. And maybe it is the same power!

In the religious thought of the world the Cross has become an emblem of Divine Power. And if there is no special connection between the two, why has the cross again come to us as the emblem of electric power?

The Bible tells us that God is present everywhere, that He is all and in all. The men of science tell us that electricity is present everywhere, and that every atom of matter in the whole universe is in fact composed of electrons. So if God and electricity are both omni-present and omni-potent, as we're taught, then it follows that they must be one and the same.

I don't like to believe that God causes the storms and the evil things that come upon us. It has always seemed to me more likely that the devil does that. But what are we going to do with Nahum 1:3, which says:

"The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet."

Light and Power are two of the attributes of God, and the same is true of electricity. At present we must have material fixtures in order to get electric light, but the time may come when we can have the light without the fixtures, just as we can already send a message without wires. Speaking of the New Jerusalem, in Rev. 21:23, the Seer of Patmos says:

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

And who knows but what that means electric light? You see we don t know but very little about electricity yet. Edison and all the other great electricians admit that they don't even know the A B C's of it yet. If that is the case, just think what wonders it may perform in the future. Men have supposed that electricity is merely a blind, unconscious force of nature, but they don't know it. They have no way of knowing. It may be a conscious, intelligent force. It may be God's way of manifesting Himself to us in these days.

Let me tell you once more that you had better begin to study that question of "The Times of the Gentiles." Learn what the term means, where it started, and how long it is. The Bible gives all the figures very plainly. By looking into this you will find out some things that will surprise you.

THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT.

During the recent session of the Zionist Convention, at Pittsburg, the statement was made that the Jewish legion of 8,000 now fighting with the British in Palestine would be increased to approximately 1,000,000 men, and that this number would be the standing army of the coming Jewish republic. According to Dr. A. A. Newman, every Jew enlisted from the United States is pledged to spend the remainder of his life in Palestine.

This, to our way of thinking, but confirms the sure word of prophecy that the day of the "fullness of the Gentiles" is at hand, and that the Jews will return to the Holy Land, and later to their Father's house. Hear the prophet:

I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again into their folds, and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise up unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute justice and judgment in the earth. In his days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is the name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.—Jer. 23:3-6.

But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established on the top of the mountain, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and the people shall flow into it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Micah 4:1-3.

These prophecies, we believe, are already in process of fulfillment. As never before, the eyes of the Jews are turned to the Holy Land, and their feet to the City of their God. Soon the "Wandering Jew" will wander no more, but shall return unto the Lord, who will have mercy upon him, and unto our God, who will abundantly pardon.

From the standpoint of national life, the Jew has been the miracle of history. Without a land, and without a flag, he has preserved his national identity all through the ages, and today he is the same Jew that he was yesterday, and will be the same tomorrow. Probably the war has presented few sadder pictures than that of the Jews fighting in the different armies. Without a nation, or a flag, for which to fight, he risks his life for the country in which chance or commerce has carried him. He cannot say, "My country 'tis of thee," and therefore must brave death without the impelling principle of patriotism or the love of his native heath.

The only possible explanation of Jewish history is—God. That he is ever and always the Jew, is God's own doing, and a sufficient answer to the atheism of the ages. No man can carefully study the history of the Hebrew race without realizing that all history is His story. The time draweth nigh when they who crucified him shall crown him Lord of all!—Western Recorder.

PARAGRAPHS.

If the Kaiser isn't the devil, it's a safe bet that the devil is jealous of him.

No person who reads and understands the Bible prophecies can have any sympathy for Germany.

They say, "Oh, it ain't right to set dates for future events to happen!" Well, the Bible does it, and what are you going to do about that?

The old eternal burning hell idea dies hard, but it is dying. And it must die still faster from now on. The light is going to be too bright for any such ignorance to remain.

I don't expect to get everybody's eyes open all at once. But every little helps, and I want to do what I can to spread the light of the New Day.

THINGS THAT AIN'T SO.

One of the great troubles with the wise men of the past, as well as those of the present, is the fact that they always know so much that ain't so. This is especially the case in religious matters and everything pertaining to the teaching of the Bible, and I am now going to preach a little sermon about some of these well-known "Things That Ain't So."

The religious world is so full of error that it never can grasp and understand the truth until it first makes room for the truth by casting out some of the error. To preach the truth to people in their present condition is sorter like taking a jug that is already full of sour dishwater and trying to fill it with honey. You see there is no room for the honey until the dishwater is emptied out.

So now let us proceed to empty out some of the theological dishwater that has caused the churches to stagnate and almost rot with error.

Here is a list of widely accepted religious beliefs that are not so:

1. Immortality of the Soul.

2. Eternal Torment.

3. Heaven Away Up Above the Skies Somewhere.

4. Hell a Place of Eternal Burning.

5. Going to Heaven or Hell When You Die.

6. The End of Time at the Second Coming of Christ.

7. The Second Coming to Be Sudden and Visible to All the World at Once.

8. The End to be Announced by a Literal Trumpet Blast in the Skies, the Dead all Raised at Once, and the Final Judgment Finished in One Literal Day.

9. The Earth Burned Up and Entirely Destroyed.

10. All Saved People will be Carried Up Above the Skies and Given Wings, Harps and Crowns, and All Others Sent to Hell to Burn Through All Eternity.

The above ten "beliefs" cover most of the main big errors that are taught by the average orthodox creed. There are plenty of other errors too numerous to mention here, but these are the main big ones. They are all based on a wrong understanding of the Bible and of the Divine Plan as outlined therein. There is not a word of truth in any of the ten "articles of faith" listed above. It is the object and purpose of Good News to do what it can toward correcting some of these errors and giving the people a correct understanding of the Bible.

Some Things That ARE So.

And now, having pointed out the things that ain't so, I want to go ahead and tell you about some things that ARE so. Here are some of the truths that Good News believes and teaches:

1. The human soul in its present state is mortal and subject to death. Conditional immortality is offered to all, and those who do not accept it must die.

2. Eternal torment is a lie and a slander against God.

3. There will be two separate and distinct classes of saved people—the Bride Class who will have invisible spiritual bodies and reign with Christ over the earth, and then the Great Company who will be redeemed on the human plane and continue to live here in the restored paradise—the earth made new.

4. Every human being who has ever lived will be given a fair, equal and impartial trial for eternal life. Only the most hopelessly stubborn and unruly ones will finally be lost, and they will not be tortured eternally in a burning hell—they will simply be blotted out of existence.

5. There is not, never has been, and never will be any such place as the orthodox hell.

6. There will never be any "end of time" in the sense that people speak of it. One age or dispensation of time will end and another begin, but time will go right on.

7. The Second Coming of Christ will not mark the end of all natural life on earth as people suppose. It will not be the "last day." Christ will come and set up his Millennial Kingdom and reign over the earth for a thousand years, during which time the earth and its inhabitants will be gradually restored to the former Eden condition.

When Christ comes the second time, the Jews, who rejected him the first time, will then accept him gladly, and they will become a nation of preachers and missionaries going out to tell the good news to the rest of the world. Then is when the great multitudes of earth will be converted and brought to Christ—after his coming and not before.

8. The Anglo-Saxon people are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, and they are to be joined with the Jews to become the great ruling nation of the future—in fact the kingdom of God on earth. The Twelve Tribes of Israel were divided away back yonder nearly a thousand years before Christ, and they have never been brought together since. In fact the Ten Tribes, known as the House of Israel, wandered off and became lost, and only the Two Tribes of Judah and Benjamin, known as the House of Judah, remained in sight. But the prophecies declare over and over that these two Houses of Israel shall finally be brought together and re-established as a great and favored nation. And we English-speaking people of the world are going to be a part of that favored nation.

9. The Bible tells us just how long the Jews were to be scattered abroad and punished, while the Gentiles ruled. This period, known as the Times of the Gentiles, was to be just 2,520 years, beginning with 606 B. C., and ending with 1914 A. D. The time is out, and the restoration of Israel is beginning. We Anglo-Saxons have been known as Gentiles, because we are not Jews, and because God wanted to keep us "lost" so that nobody would know who we were until the proper time for us to be joined with our brothers, the Jews, and restored to Divine favor in the new Kingdom that is now beginning to be established.

10. The Great War now going on will finally bring about the downfall of every government except the new Israel government, and America will turn out to be the new Promised Land.

Help Chain the Devil.

Ask the average person for an opinion of the kaiser, and you will be told that he is just a big, swell-headed, egotistical fool man, who thought he could run roughshod over the world, but who is now finding out that he bit off a little more than he can chaw.

But I believe the kaiser is more than a mere man. If there is such a thing as Satanic power I believe the Beast of Berlin has it. In my opinion he is the perfect embodiment of Satan, and when we are fighting him we are actually fighting the very old devil.

The Bible predicts a great and mighty struggle in the end of the Age between the forces of good and evil, and I believe this is it. But the Bible leaves no doubt as to which will finally win. Right always conquers in the end. We who are defending the civivized world against the bloody Beast of Berlin—we have nothing to fear as to the final outcome. God and justice and right are on our side, and we ought to feel a solemn pride in being able to help the world in its greatest hour of need. We are helping to chain the devil and usher in the Golden Age.

I can't help what you think about it, but these things that I am telling you in this paper ARE TRUE.

The Future of Palestine.

(From The Public.)

The establishment of a great Jewish community in Palestine is now as certain as anything can be contingent on an Allied victory. The forty small settlements already started, with a population aggregting 40,000, will be extended, enlarged and drawn together into a self-governing republic under the auspices of the world's most liberal governments. And in the carrying out of the enterprise, the opportunity is presented to put to the test of practice those new social principles that have acquired universal acceptane in every enlightened democratic nation, but that have never been realized because of the inertia of the people and the power of the established order. The time is here when such a set of principles can be agreed upon by the most practical of men, provided only they are free of self-interest and have the courage of their convictions.

The new Palestine will be a land of agriculture, a miniature California, its farmers dependent upon community enterprise for the irrigation works, and the fertilization, without which the soil cannot yield generously enough to support the increased population that is planned. All the experience of the most enlightened communities in the United States, Australia, Canada and other nations can be drawn upon to devise a method of financing and a system of land tenure that will assure the independence and the continued prosperity of the humblest Zionist, provided only he have the will and the industry to contribute his share of toil. This question of land tenure is certain to be vital in the new colony. And there will be no excuse for a method of colonizing that will leave room for the land speculator, the taker of unearned increment, the usurious banker, or the monopolist of such community functions as the transporting and storing of the land's products.

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NOT YET, HONEY.

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[illegible] any assurance that [illegible] which has now come [illegible] permanent, and that it [illegible] final end of all war, [illegible] would be great stuff. [illegible] such assurance. [illegible] optimistic states- [illegible] it all fixed out how [illegible] prevent future wars [illegible] League of Nations, [illegible] I am mighty much [illegible] are mistaken. [illegible] you think I don't [illegible] to be the end of war. [illegible], I would be the [illegible] feller in seven states [illegible] know that this was the final end of all war. But there [illegible] strong reasons why I can't believe it just yet.

Of course this Peace is all right so far as it goes. It does me good plum to my gizzard to see old Bill Hohenzollern have to crawl off of his high roost and beg for mercy like any other whipped dog. I am glad Germany has learned that she couldn't run over the world. But the mere whipping of Germany is not going to prevent future wars. There has got to be something else done. The danger is that the winning nations will now be so proud and stuck up over their victory that they will want to keep up their great fighting strength and prowl around over the world looking for somebody else to whip. After spending all this money to get so well fixed for fighting they will never be willing to stop off and not use their big fighting outfits any more.

And so there's where the future trouble comes in. As long as the machinery of war is kept up there will be wars, and there is no use to figure on anything else. In some way or other the world has got to become willing to entirely get rid of its armies and navies. It has got to go to beating its swords into plowshares and its spears into pruning-hooks, and it has not got to that point yet.

But it will come to it before long. The movement toward universal peace has started, and there will not be much delay till the goal is reached.

One important thing to remember about the coming of Everlasting Peace is that the new Israel Kingdom will have a big hand in it. As matters now stand we see that the Allied Powers are going to help the Jews to re-establish their nation in Palestine. They think it will be just a little dependent nation and will always be under the thumb of the big Gentile powers. But that's where they have got another guess coming. In a very few years Israel will be the Big Power of the world, and the present big Gentile powers will have their wings crapped pretty tolerable short.

But the new Israel nation will not be composed of just the Jews as we know them now. It will be composed of Judah (the present Jews) and Israel (the Lost Ten Tribes) all brought back together and re-united into one big nation, as the Bible says they will be. For proof that the Bible does say this, read my other article in this issue called, "Judah and Israel."

And so the next war will be between Restored Israel and the rest of the world. When Israel begins to get big and strong the rest will get jealous o. her and declare war. If I am right in my calcuations that war is certain to come, and it will come sooner than you think. And that will be the LAST WAR sure enough.

WATCH THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The next thing on the program is the Big Peace Conference. And never before did a peace conference have such a job. The map of Europe, and part of Asia and Africa, will have to be re-made. New nations will be born and old nations will be re-born.

But from the Bible student's standpoint the most interesting thing that can possibly happen at the Conference will be the rebirth of the Jewish nation. Other things may or may not happen, but that one thing is certain. The Allied Nations have promised the Jews that they shall have their Holy Land and set up their own government again. England and France have driven the Turks out of Palestine, and now there is nothing to do only for the Jews to walk in and go to work.

The Old Testament prophets devote at least a third of their space to telling about this very restoration that we are now about to see, and they make it very plain that the restoration of the Jews means the end of this Age and the beginning of a New Age—an Age of universal and everlasting peace and happiness on earth.

You know the Jews have never accepted Jesus as their Messiah, but they are still looking for one to come. They are in a high state of expectancy right now. The prospect of immediate restoration to their home land and to national existence gives them reason to expect that the coming of their Messiah is near.

Well, the great King of the Jews is coming again very soon, and they are getting back home just in time to be ready for His coming. But they don't know it is going to be the same Jesus that they crucified. He will come this time in exactly the way and manner that they were expecting Him to come the other time, and this time they will accept Him.

The Lost Tribes of Israel will be found and joined with the Jews into a great nation over which Jesus, the Messiah, will reign as a personal earthly king. The whole world will come under His dominion, and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Then is when all our dreams of peace and happiness will come true.

But before that happens, the Jews will be led into accepting another—a false Messiah—very likely the present Pope of Rome, who will, of course, have a hand in the Peace Conference. This Anti-Christ, whoever he is, will emerge right out of this Peace Conference, and I have good grounds for believing it will be the Pope. He will pose as a great friend to the Jews and will make fair promises to them, but in three or four years he will break his promise and begin to persecute them. He will make war against them, and that is why I say there will be one more war. And in that final war, at the point where Restored Israel is just about to be crushed and there seems no hope—right there the true Messiah will make His appearance and save the day for His Chosen People. Right then they will accept Him, and right then His glorious reign over the earth will begin.

And I tell you, folks, these things are coming to a head right now, and they are going to be the biggest and most important events that this world has ever seen.

Read your Bible and your newspaper together. Watch the Peace Conference. Watch the Jews, and watch the Pope. And when you see all these things come to pass, remember that I told you so.

Look out for a ragged tramp named Bill Hohenzollern at your kitchen door, and don't give him nary cold tater ner nuthin.

Next! Who wants the job of whipping the world?

A Sermon On Judah and Israel

They accuse me of always trying to spring something new. And now if you will double up your hind leg and sit down on it and listen a few minutes I'll try to tell you something else that you perhaps never thought about.

You have read in the Bible about "Judah" and "Israel," and you thought both of these words meant the same thing. You thought they both had reference to the people that we call the Jews. Or if you didn't have it fixed just that way, then you thought "Israel" meant the church, or the saved people. A lot of folks have got that notion in their noggins. They try to spiritualize the word Israel and make it apply to the Christian people as a whole, without any regard to race or blood.

But they are barking up the wrong tree again. The word Israel don't mean Christians any more than it means Jews, and it certainly don't mean either one. This here business of trying to pull and haul words around and make them mean something that they don't mean, just in order to fit somebody's fool creed—that's the cause of so much confusion and misunderstanding about the Bible.

The word Judah has reference to the Jews, of course. But we must remember that the Jews as we know them today do not represent the whole family of Jacob—they are just a very small part of it.

You know Jacob had another name besides Jacob. After he had that wrestling-match with the angel and got the best of it, God decided that he deserved some special honor for the deed, and so He told Jacob that he should be called Israel after that. I reckon it was sorter like the surnames that people have now, and if it had happened in these days he would have been called Jake Israel—just like Bill Jones or John Brown.

Well, you know old man Jake Israel had twelve boys, and they all married and raised families, and it wasn't long until Grandpa Israel had the biggest family of descendants in that whole Congressional District. Each of the twelve families grew into a tribe, and they were known as the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

You remember the story about Joseph's boyhood—how his brothers sold him into Egypt and how he became the Herbert Hoover of Egypt and saved up

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What do you think of the line of talk I am giving you this time? If you believe my New Message contains something that the people ought to read and think about then I want you to appoint yourself as a missionary to help spread it among your friends. Tote this issue around in your pocket and read it to people you meet and ask them what they think about it. You will find more people thinking along these lines than you might suppose. And if you happen to strike a few who have not yet begun to think on these things, this paper will wake them up and put them to thinking.

The whole human race today is aware of the fact that this old earth is passing through a great crisis, and that SOMETHING of far-reaching consequence to the people must be the result. The human mind is in a questioning attitude, wondering if this really is the end, and the old cut-and-dried conceptions of what is going to happen in the wind-up are being changed rapidly.

Hence the time is ripe for this New Message, and I want you to help me spread it into every nook and corner of this broad land. It is going to take a great deal of money to run this thing under present conditions. Print paper costs about twice what it formerly did, and some kind of war tax (in the form of postage or otherwise) is going to fall heavily on all publishers. And besides that I am constantly needing to add new machinery and office equipment to handle the business. You folks hustle up the clubs and I'll furnish the chin-music till everything goes easy.

PARAGRAPHS.

Well, honey, how does it feel to live in a Kaiserless world?

Congress or no congress, Wilson finished it anyhow.

The cost was terrible, but I guess it's worth it.

Now Hindenburg can use his "line" to hang himself with.

Did you hear the Eagle scream on the Glorious Eleventh?

Now for the great clean-up. And that will be another nasty job.

No-sir-ee, Mister Head-Setter, don't put away your big type yet.

For one time, at least, Thanksgiving will mean something to this old world.

The United Press didn't tell any lie—it just toid the truth a little too quick.

Germany found out that the letters "U. S.," meant "Unconditional Surrender."

Teddy can tell Germany that she got off too easy, but he can't make her believe it.

And now the Fourth of July has got a new brother—the Glorious Eleventh of November.

Second-hand crowns can now be bought for about ten cents a dozen. How many do you want, mister?

I don't think it's any sin to smile, do you? And I wouldn't be much afraid to laugh out big and risk it.

No, no, honey—don't throw away your old map of Europe. Keep it to remember how it used to was.

There's a fellow under your hat that ain't as good as he ought to be. Hadn't you better see him about it?

I used to think maybe Henry Ford would some day be president, but I give it up. Speaking of Ford jokes, that race for the Senate was one proper.

Now let's you and me put up a factory to beat swords into plowshares. How much stock will you take? Unless that business gets started pretty soon it will begin to look sorter 'spishus to me.

The old Beast of Berlin has tucked his tail and skeedadled, but there are just oodlins of little kaisers that haven't abdicated yet. Society, church and state are full of them, and they've all got to come down.

What in the world has become of Billy Sunday here of late? I ain't seen his name in the papers since last tater-grabbling time. Is it possible that Billy can't find any more ready-made sermons that he can steal and pack off on the public as his own?

THE GREAT PYRAMID AGAIN.

A few months ago I printed in Good News a couple of articles about the Great Pyramid of Gizeh in Egypt, showing that it is of divine origin and contains a complete symbolic history of the human race from beginning to end. I showed how the Pyramid marks off the dispensations of time and gives the actual dates of all important events, both past and future. I pointed out how the testimony of the Pyramid agrees exactly with Bible prophecy, and how it proves beyond all doubt that the appointed "Times of the Gentiles" (2520 years) have already run out, and that we are right now changing from one dispensation to another.

Well, I never did see such a sensation as those two articles created among my readers. It was an entirely new idea to most of them, and of course some didn't believe there was anything to it. But many others were seriously interested and wanted to learn more.

So I have decided to take up the Great Pyramid subject again and give all the facts in the plainest and simplest way possible, so as to convince all readers that there really is something to it.

I shall not write this first article for the reader who has already made a start in Pyramid study, but for the reader to whom it is a new and unheard-of subject. And that will include nearly everybody. Then in next issue I will follow it up with another article going more into detail and bringing out the great prophetical truths revealed in this wonderful structure.

Tell everybody about this new series of Pyramid articles and urge them to subscribe and get the whole thing complete. And this is only one of the many good things they will get.

I suppose nearly every person has read or heard something about the Pyramids of Egypt. I suppose it is generally understood that they are built of stone, starting from a large square base and running to a point at the top. But very little is known about the size and importance of these stone structures. No distinction is usually made among them—one being considered about as important as another. But such is not the case. There is just one original "Great Pyramid", and all the others are cheap imitations of it. Whether they were built before it or after it does not matter. The point is that they are vastly inferior to it in every way.

And so this Great Pyramid that we want to study stands at a place called Gizeh, in Egypt, and it is therefore called the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. As stated above, there are a good many other pyramids about over Egypt, and it is supposed that they were built mostly as tombs for kings, emperors and other great men. But the Great Pyramid of Gizeh is bigger and more perfect and in every way superior to all the other pyramids, and there is every reason to believe that it was built according to a divine plan and under the direction of God himself. The plain purpose of it was to make a permanent stone witness testyfying to the truth of the Bible and making doubly sure the scripture outline of the Divine Plan.

A peculiar thing about the Great Pyramid is the fact that it is located at the center of Egypt and also at the edge of Egypt. You can't understand how that could be unless you get a map and look at the shape of Egypt and then see how the Pyramid is located in it. You will find a reference to it in the 19th chapter of Isaiah, verses 19 and 20, as follows:

> In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord in the land of Egypt.—Isa. 19:19-20.

And here is another scripture reference to the Pyramid. The language could not possibly refer to anything else:

> The Mighty God, the Lord of hosts is His name, who has set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day.—Jer. 32:18-20.

The land of Egypt is almost an exact quarter-circle. In other words, if you had three more just like it, you could fit them around together and make a perfect wheel. And the four sharp corners of those four quarter-circles would all be right together in the middle, where the hub of the wheel would be. Well, right there is where the Great Pyramid stands, and so it can truly be said that it is in the midst of the land of Egypt and at the same time at the border thereof.

In addition to all the rest, this very point is said to be in the exact center of the land surface of the whole world. The selection of such a location could not have been a mere accident. It must have been the result of divine wisdom.

In my next article I will take up the size, shape and peculiar construction of the Pyramid, telling about the strange sloping passage-ways in it, and the little rooms into which the passages lead. I will show you how it has been fully proven that each inch in the measurement along these passages means a year of time, and how the Pyramid therefore becomes a diagram showing the length of the different Ages. It is a fact that these Pyramid measurements did actually predict a great turning-point of some sort to start in 1914, and these facts were known and talked about 20 years before the Great War started. Of course the general public didn't take any interest in such a subject 20 and 25 years ago. Only a few deep and serious-minded students paid any attention to it, and they were laughed at by the rest of the world. But now, since part of the predictions

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But I am not uneasy nary bit. Whatever happens to our finances will be the very thing that ought to happen, and it will be just what the people need. I have enough faith in God's wise plans to believe that He is shaping it all just right. The outcome will not be anything like what our statesmen expect, but it will be better than anything they could have planned. And yet if they could look into the future and see all the results, they would certainly wish to have it different.

But it's all right, and if you find anybody trying to change it, you have 'em arrested. It will end in the Great Jubilee, if you know what that is.

PIONEERS.

The Socialist movement throughout the world has been, and is, one of the most significant signs of the changing order. In past ages, while the world was yet so far from the New Day that no ray of its light could penetrate the darkness, men groped on blindly and never once thought of the possibility of bettering their condition. They submitted to their masters and took all the hard conditions as their proper share.

But Father Time moved along and brought the world closer to the New Day. A few of its brightest beams began to sift down into the brains of the people. A few men, not quite so thick-headed as the rest, conceived the idea that there was something better out in the future. They didn't know what it was, but they wanted it. And so they began to grope outward and upward toward the new thing that they wanted, just as a vine in a dark cellar grows toward any little crack of light that may be open.

And right there Socialism was born. The men who started the movement, and the men who have carried it on up to the present, have never understood the full significance of what they were doing. They have called it a "cause" when it is really an "effect." It has grown out of the inevitable changing order that sweeps everything before it. The magnetic influence of the Kingdom of God that is coming to earth is now getting so close that it acts upon us like a magnet, pulling our thoughts upward to better and happier conditions and making us dissatisfied with the old order of things.

Nearly all the people who have felt this upward pull have misunderstood it, and have lived and died believing that the "effect" was the "cause." They have mistaken the steam in the boiler for the fire in the furnace.

But in spite of all the ridicule and persecution that has been heaped upon them, these people have been true pioneers. They have gone before and trimmed out a narrow path through the wilderness—path that will soon become a broad highway for all the world to travel. And the world is travelling that road today. I would rather be a pioneer and keep a safe distance ahead of the world than to be a standpatter and get run over.

It strikes me that this is too much of a man-made peace to last very long. Brute force against brute force did this, and Everlasting Peace cannot be built on such a foundation. There will be no permanent peace until the Prince of Peace comes to reign. And that won't be long.

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have come so literally true it is getting the folks stirred up and millions are beginning to study it. So don't miss the second Great Pyramid article in the December number of Good News.

HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

If you think this dope I am giving you is something new that I have just gotten hold of and thought it would do for a sensation, you are badly mistaken.

It may be sensational to some folks, but it isn't new at all. It is as old as the Bible, and the fact that you didn't know it was in there ain't my fault.

Millions of people have believed these things for a long time, and millions more are beginning to believe them these days. It is no new revelation to me, but has been gradually unfolding before my eyes for several years. I have been just on the verge of launching this campaign two or three times before, but decided the time was not quite ripe for it.

Especially since the Great War started I have been convinced that we were in the closing scenes of this age, and I have not felt satisfied to go on being a mere clown to make people laugh. My "mouth has watered" more than once to say the things that I am now saying, and at last they are said. That is, some of them are said. There is plenty more to say. This is a mighty big subject, and as the hurrying stream of events rushes on it will get bigger.

Now, Mister, if you believe it or don't believe it, I want the privilege of talking to your head about a quarter's worth, anyhow. By that time you will either decide that I am a fool or that you are one, and maybe both of us will learn something.

Now come! Get up a big club and send it in. And if you think that way about it you can tell all your friends that Pearson has suddenly gone crazy and they just ought to watch his capers.

Please hand this copy of Good News to your Uncle Hiram or some of his folks when you get done reading it.

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"THE END OF TIME."

Lots of people ask me if I believe the present great trouble in the world indicates the near approach of the "End of Time." I tell them "No." In fact, there is never going to be any "End of Time" in the sense that most people suppose. One Age, or Dispensation, of time ends, and another begins, but time goes right on, and will go on forever. But they say, "Oh, no that will be Eternity." Yes, and it will be time, too. Eternity is only an endless continuation of time.

Time is just like space, and they are both infinite and endless. It is just as impossible for time to end as it is for space to end. Where nothing else exists there is empty space, and the more nothing you have the more empty space you have. And it is just so with time. You can stop the clock, and make it quit recording the hours as they pass, but that don't stop the passage of time nary bit. Our sun is just a big clock that marks off the days and years for us. If this entire solar system that we live in, including our sun, should some time be blotted out of existence, it wouldn't amount to any more than stopping the clock. Time would go right on, and there would be other suns and systems to record its passage.

People haven't learned yet to think in terms of infinity. They consider our little speck of earth and our little minute of time as the whole thing. Knowing that our affairs here are transitory and of brief duration, they suppose that when our little clock stops it is all over. But not so. Time is cut up into sections, and each section is like a moving picture film. It has just so long to run, and when the reel is empty, that is the end of it. But just because one film runs out is no sign the show is over. The operator always has another reel ready.

We are just about to the end of one film now. We are getting to where it is pretty ragged and the picture looks mighty bad. But God is going to put on a new reel pretty soon and show us the most beautiful picture of peace and happiness that this old earth has ever seen.

Since the above was written, a new reel has been put on.

Now Go Back and read it all over again. Then call in your neighbors and read it to them and send in a g-r-e-a-t big club.

A SERMON ON JUDAH AND ISRAEL.

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corn for the famine that he knew was coming, and after awhile the brothers and the old folks and all had to move down there and let Joseph feed them. They must have liked Egypt pretty well; anyhow, they just hung up their hats and stayed.

In a few generations the Israelites had grown to be very numerous there in Egypt, and the Egyptians made slaves of them, and then Moses grew up and led the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land, Palestine. There they settled and became a great and strong nation and had great kings over them, such as David and Solomon.

Then after awhile they had a split-up among themselves and divided into two nations. In order to understand just what the split-up was about and how it all happened, you must read carefully the 12th chapter of First Kings. Now don't skip over this reference without knowing what it is, but get your Bible and read it. I'll just wait here till you do it.

Well, did you read it? All right. You see that Solomon's son, Rehoboam, got the big-head so bad that the people couldn't stand him, and ten of the tribes pulled loose from the old kingdom and set up a new kingdom of their own. They called it the kindom of Israel and chose themselves a king named Jeroboam. So King Rehoboam just had two tribes left to follow him (the tribes of Judah and Benjamin) and that kingdom was called Judah. And always after that the two parts of the old kingdom were known as the House of Judah and the House of Israel. They never did get back together any more. Remember that these two kingdoms were both made up of the family of Jacob. The two-tribe kingdom was Judah, and the ten-tribe kingdom was Israel.

Well, after awhile both sets of these people became wicked and idolatrous, and God had to punish them for their wickedness. The House of Israel was destroyed first and the people were carried away captives into a heathen land. This was intended as an object-lesson for the House of Judah, but she didn't benefit by it. She just kept on being wicked and idolatrous so that it had to be destroyed, too. Jeremiah speaks of it in this way:

> The Lord said unto me in the days of Josiah the king: Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said, after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorcement, yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And the Lord said unto me: The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. —Jeremiah 3:6-11.

There you see very plainly that they were spoken of as two separate nations. And if you will trace their history on through the Bible you will find that they remained separate and were always spoken of as two separate nations—Judah and Israel. The Judah kingdom consisted of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin, while the Israel kingdom was made up of all the other ten tribes. The word "Jew" is derived from the name of Judah, showing that they belonged to the Judah kingdom.

Now when both of these kingdoms were invaded and destroyed and the people taken captive into heathen lands—right there the ten-tribe or Israel kingdom seems to end. History does not seem to know very much about what became of them. They were apparently lost in the shuffle, and they have since been spoken of as the "Lost Tribes of Israel."

But it was different with the Judah kingdom. It was through the Judah people that the Messiah was to come, and they had to be preserved in visible form to accept or reject Him when He came.

So along came King Cyrus after awhile and told the Judah people that they might go back to their own land and rebuild their temple, and so forth. That was God working to get them back there in time for the Messiah's coming. So they went back to their home land and rebuilt their temple in Jerusalem and lived and worshipped there, but they were never allowed to be an independent nation any more like they used to be. They never had another king, and they were always under the thumb of some other nation.

We don't know for certain whether the decree of Cyrus included the Israel people and their part of the land or not. Anyway, for some reason or other, they didn't go back. They may have been already scattered and lost. However it might have been, it was God's plan to keep them hid so they wouldn't go back. But they were SOMEWHERE, and they are SOMEWHERE YET. They didn't just die out and cease to be.

God knew that Judah was going to reject the Christ, and He knew that He was going to punish her for it by long ages of exile and persecution. And as the Israel people were not to have any hand in rejecting the Messiah, neither would they have to undergo the punishment for it, and so they were safely hidden away or "lost" among the nations so as to escape the terrible retribution that must come upon the Jews for rejecting and killing the Christ. And here is the reason I KNOW that the Lost Tribes are somewhere in the world today: The tribe of Joseph was among the Lost Tribes, and it COULDN'T have died out. Did you ever read Grandpa Israel's blessing that he gave Joseph's two boys? Let's take a peep at it before we go any further. Get your Bible and read the 48th chapter of Genesis. I'll wait here again till you read it.

Are you through? All right. That's a purty interesting yarn, ain't it? Joseph couldn't fool his old dad, even if he was blind. Them two boys, Ephraim and Manasseh, were just little tots then, but their old grandaddy knew that their descendants would figure large in the world's affairs some day. I want to call your special attention to the 18th and 19th verses of that 48th chapter of Genesis,. Listen:

> And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said: I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.—Gen. 48:18-19.

There, honey—did you hear that? And do you get what it means? Both of Joseph's boys were to become great, but the younger one, Ephraim, was to be greater than his brother Manasseh. Ephraim's seed was to become "a multitude of nations."

Now wait a minute. Let's keep all straight. We know that the seed of Ephram and Manasses is not represented in the Jews of today, because they belonged to a different nation. They belonged to the nation that was "lost", but just as sure as God lives it is not going to stay lost. Keep in mind the fact that Joseph's boy, Ephraim, was to be the father of many nations, and the Jewish nation was not to be one of them. Paste that under your hat-band. Judah and Benjamin were the daddies of the Jewish nation, and Joseph and his boys had nothing at all to do with it.

Then where are the nations that were to spring from Ephraim? Just as sure as you live they are somewhere in the world today, and they are taking a big active part in the world's affairs right now. When you think what a big man and what a powerful leader Joseph was in his day, and then when you connect that with the glowing prophecy of what Joseph's seed was to amount to at some later period, you just can't escape the conviction that some of the leading nations now in the world are the seed of Joseph. Not just one nation, mind you, but several nations—even "a multitude of nations."

The United States, England, France, and maybe Italy and Belgium—we don't know which nor how many—but it isn't beyond the bounds of possibility that several of the Allied nations have come right straight down from Joseph, through Ephraim and Manasseh. These Allied nations have been fighting FOR the Jews—to restore them back to their Promised Land according to prophecy—while Germany and her allies have been fighting AGAINST the Jews. It stands to reason that if any of the nations today have Israel blood in their veins they would certainly be lined up on the side of the Jews, and not against them. See the pint, honey?

And what next? I have gone over all this long rigamarole in order to show you how very probable it is that we Americans and English are part of the old Israel nation. And now I want to show you how, according to prophecy, we are to be joined with our sister nation, Judah, again, and become the great world-power of the future. Listen to this from Ezekiel:

> The word of the Lord came again unto me saying: Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions. And join them one to another into one stick, and they shall become one in thy hand. And when the children of the people shall speak unto thee saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? say unto them, Thus sayeth the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.—Ezekiel 37:15-22.

And if that isn't plain enough there is plenty more along the same line. Here are just a few verses taken at random:

> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the House of Israel and to the House of Judah.—Jer. 33:14.

> Now I will bring again the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy on the whole House of Israel.—Ezek. 39:25.

> Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together and appoint themselves one head.—Hosea 1:11.

> In those days the House of Judah shall walk with the House of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.—Jeremiah 3:18.

> And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and I will build them as at the first.—Jeremiah 33:7.

> And I will strengthen the House of Judah, and I will have the House of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place thme.—Zechariah 10:6.

But what's the use to go on and fill up the whole paper with quotations along this line? I could easily do it. The Bible is full of them, and the thing is so plain and so certain that I don't understand how anybody could fail to see it.

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THE PEACE CONFERENCE

President Wilson is in France to attend the peace conference and to lend his aid in an effort to establish universal and everlasting peace. The undertaking is a commendable one, and from a human standpoint it may look like it has a chance to succeed. But to anyone who looks deeper than the surface—to anyone who knows that men in their own strength cannot give lasting peace to the world—the proposed undertaking seems almost pitiful in its hopelessness.

In spite of all the boasted claims about what good "Christian" nations we are, there has been nothing said about giving God a seat at the peace table. The only Power that CAN establish permanent peace will be absolutely ignored. The devil will be well represented by the Pope or his agents, but God will not be in it. The prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Revelation, will not be read nor considered in connection with the peace settlement. It is a safe bet that no nation will have on hand a delegate who believes in the Bible prophecies or has any thought of their literal fulfillment in our day.

Having, therefore, no correct key to the situation, the best they can do is to make a mess of it. We will have to wait just a little while longer, until man's puny efforts go to smash one more time, and then the Prince of Peace will come and fix it right. It is worth waiting for.

FALSE PEACE

This present time is the time of which it is said: "They shall cry, Peace, Peace! but there is no peace." There will probably be a little spell of peace now, but it will be a false peace. It will be built upon a false foundation, and every pillar under it will be a powder-keg.

And I tell you that as long as the world tries to maintain an "armed peace" it will have no peace at all. And the whole tendency is toward greater armament instead of smaller ones. The United States is now to have "a navy second to none in the world." It don't require any Bible knowledge nor any prophetic eye to foresee the inevitable end of it all—the utter collapse of the whole rotten fabric and the setting up of an entirely different order. The soon-coming of Christ to set up His righteous government on earth is the only hope for this world.

This peace is only the calm before another storm. Don't fool yourself.

CAN HE COME BACK?

It has been a very common thing to speak of the Ex-Kaiser Bill as "The Beast." He was put into a moving picture called "The Beast of Berlin." He was put into a novel called "The Blonde Beast." He has been everywhere tried, condemned, and burnt in effigy for the crime of impersonating a human being. And all nations have with common consent referred to him as The Beast. And so far as I know he is the first and only character in history to be so commonly spoken of as a "Beast."

Truly his conduct has been such as to give ample room for doubting whether he is a human being. He cut a wide and bloody swath while he was at it, but to look at him now it don't seem possible that he could ever come back. If he is just a human being, of course his career as a leader of men is about done. But if it were to be true that he is the "Beast" we read of in Revelation 13, he may get help from the devil and manage to wheedle his way into power again. You will notice that the Beast in that chapter got a deadly wound with the sword, and his deadly wound was healed. Maybe that could refer to the crushing defeat which the Kaiser has just suffered, for surely it is a deadly wound with the sword. The question is , can it be healed? Is there any way for Bill to muster his forces and recover his power after such a defeat? There is only one chance for him—supernatural power from the devil—and he may get it. Notice that "the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

Some great devil-posessed being is to get control of Europe in the near future and drench the land once more in blood and ruin. It may be the Kaiser, or the Pope of Rome, or a new Napoleon. But just keep your eye on the peace conference and I think you will be pretty apt to see him stick his head up.

Just because we know that the Golden Age of peace and happiness is near at hand, let us not delude ourselves with the belief that it has come before it really gets here. It has not come yet, and when it does oome you will know it. We are still in the "time of trouble," and we are going to be in it for awhile yet. Remember that.

President Wilson has never once suspected that he was going over there to help make the TOES of Nebuchadnezzar's Image.

A SERMON ON PERSECUTION

Text:

> Cursed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Tremble, and be exceeding scared, for great is your punishment in hell; for men didn't persecute the prophets that way.—Matt. 5:11-12.

With the above scripture as a text I want to preach you a little sermon on Persecution. To be sure that I got it right, let's go back and read the text again. Do you see anything wrong with it? Seems to me it don't sound exactly right. What do you think about it? I believe it would sound better this way:

> Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.—Matt. 5:11-12.

Yes, that's better. I thought I could get it fixed after awhile. Now we can go on with our sermon. I just tangled it up and made it read different in order to show you how ridiculous it would sound that way.

And yet, to look at the attitude of the world and the orthodox church toward persecuted people, it seems that they all think it reads like I first had it. They think if you believe and teach anything different from what they have always been used to, you are teaching dangerous heresy, and they think if you get persecuted and put in prison you are only getting what you deserve for being such a bad person. They think the mere fact of a man's being in prison is absolute proof of his guilt.

Now I don't deny that perhaps a majority of men who go to jail for various crimes deserve to go there. But I do contend that liberty of conscience ought not to be a crime in this boasted land of the free.

But it is.

I could name you dozens of good men and women—perfectly peaceable and law-abiding citizens and devoted Christians—who are this very minute lying in jail in this free land for no other crime than holding religious views that didn't suit the bosses.

Now if persecution of that sort is such a clear proof of guilt, I want to ask—when did it become so? What about John the Baptist, and Paul, and Peter, and Stephen, and Christ Himself? What about Luther and Bunyan? What about Ridley and Lattimer? And what about thousands of other saints and martyrs who have suffered everything from death at the stake on down for the faith that was in them? Was THEIR persecution a proof of their guilt?

No, we are willing to concede now that those old-timers were good men and that they didn't deserve such treatment. But we are too cross-eyed to see that the very same class of sufferers in our own day are also good men and not deserving of such abuse.

Our text is the language of Jesus himself, and he is talking to his true followers and telling them how they must expect to be treated if they try to remain true to him. He tells them to regard such persecution as a sure sign that they are right, and he tells them to rejoice in it, for great will be their reward. He points out that the good old prophets were persecuted in the same way, and shows that such persecution is an honor rather than a dishonor in the sight of God.

Now tell me this: How many prominent orthodox preachers can you find who are in jail for their faith today? How many Baptists? How many Methodists? How many Presbyterians? And so on. Count 'em up. How many of such people are having all manner of evil spoken against them falsely on account of their faith? How many? You may find one, but I doubt it.

Well, then, let's sorter keep the evidence in view as we go along and see what it proves. If these big orthodox people of the leading denominations are not being persecuted any—if they are having a good easy time and no trouble at all—then it looks to me like they are MISSING some mighty good evidence that they are the true followers of Christ. Looks like they would try to do something to get a little persecution anyhow, just for the looks of it if nothing else.

I am not taking sides with anybody nor against anybody, but I tell you, according to the testimony of Jesus Christ himself, these poor old "heretics" who are having such a hard time of it—being put in jail, lied about, slandered and abused—I say they are getting the very STRONGEST evidence that they ARE the true followers of Christ and on the right track.

And now the United States proposes to have a navy second to none in the world. Even going to underteake to out-do England in sea power. And so that's the sort of "universal peace" thoy are going to give us! Oh, the folly of it! It does seem sometimes like our wise men are bigger fools than the rest of us little fools.

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Now, dear readers and friends, this is a personal letter to you. I want you to regard it as just as personal and just as important as if I had written it direct on my typewriter and mailed it to you in a sealed envelope under a three-cent stamp.

What do you think of the line of talk I am giving you this time? If you believe my New Message contains something that the people ought to read and think about, then I want you to appoint yourself as a missionary to help spread it among your friends. Tote this issue around in your pocket and read it to people you meet and ask them what they think about it. You will find more people thinking along these lines than you might suppose. And if you happen to strike a few who have not yet begun to think on these things, this paper will wake them up and put them to thinking.

The whole human race today is aware of the fact that this old earth is passing through a great crisis, and that SOMETHING of far-reaching consequence to the people must be the result. The human mind is in a questioning attitude, wondering if this really is the end, and the old cut-and-dried conceptions of what is going to happen in the wind-up are being changed rapidly.

Hence the time is ripe for this New Message, and I want you to help me spread it into every nook and corner of this broad land. It is going to take a great deal of money to run this thing under present conditions. Print paper costs about twice what it formerly did, and some kind of war tax (in the form of postage or otherwise) is going to fall heavily on all publishers. And besides that I am constantly needing to add new machinery and office equipment to handle the business. You folks hustle up the clubs and I'll furnish the chin-music till everything goes easy.

A SERMON ON ETERNAL TORMENT.

Let us try to forget all the teachings of our man-made creeds long enough to ask and answer a few plain and reasonable questions.

According to the Bible, after man had eaten the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden there was a sentence passed on him. There is great dispute and misunderstanding among men about what that sentence was. Some say it was Death—absolute, endless and eternal Death. Others say it was eternal conscious torment in a lake of fire.

Anyhow, we all agree that fallen man owed a debt to Divine Justice—a debt that must be paid. And whether it was death or eternal torment, it was the ruination of all man's hopes in either case. It was a losing game with man either way you look at it.

And so God took pity on man and sent a Substitute to pay the debt for him. At least we have always been told, and I think all orthodox denominations agree, that Jesus Christ actually PAID THE DEBT.

Now if Christ really paid the debt that fallen man owed to Divine Justice, it looks like we might begin to get some clue as to what the debt was.

What did Jesus do in order to pay the debt? Did he enter, alive and conscious, into a lake of fire and brimstone to suffer and agonize in unspeakable torment throughout all endless eternity? If he did, then he is still in that hell of torment and will never get out. He could BEGIN to pay such a debt as that, but he never could get it finished; since, in the very nature of the case, the job would be as utterly endless as eternity itself and never could be finished.

If man was under a penalty of endless living torment, there never could have been enough suffering done, either in time or eternity, to finish the payment. You positively cannot reach the end of an endless thing.

Surely nobody in the world would be foolish enough to say that Jesus went into a literal, burning, eternal hell; that he is still there; and that he must remain there, writhing in hopeless agony, throughout all endless eternity. Such a belief would be too horrible to think about, and it would forever wreck all the hopes that the gospel of Christ has held out to the fallen race.

But if Jesus did NOT go into eternal torment, then one of two things is certain: Either he did NOT pay the debt, or else the debt was NOT eternal torment.

Then what DID Jesus do?

He DIED. In my opinion he was just as completely dead as any other dead thing you can think of. All the preachers and everybody else agree that Jesus DIED.

Well, then. If Jesus DIED, and if his DEATH paid the debt that fallen man owed to Divine Justice, then I don't see how we can get around the fact that the debt was DEATH, and not eternal torment.

But somebody will say: "Hold on! If that's the way of it, Jesus would have to STAY DEAD for all eternity in order to pay man's debt of endless death."

Oh, no! There's a big difference. You see DYING was a job that could be FINISHED, and having finished it, Christ was at liberty to come back to life again. After all, it was his resurrection from the dead—his victory over death and the grave—that made all the difference between Christ and Adam. The death into which they both went was the identical same kind of death, But Adam and his race could never have gotten out of it. Christ could. That was the victory and the hope of the world.

Take it this way: Death was a deep, dark hole into which man had fallen, and there was no possibility of his getting out. Unless some help arrived, he must stay in there forever. So Jesus Christ went down into that death-hole and lifted man up and helped him out, or at least made provision so he can get out. And the whole Gospel Message, put in plain language, is this:

"O fallen man, I will help you out of that death-hole THIS time, and I will give you every inducement to STAY OUT. But if you deliberately and wilfully go ahead with your eyes open and fall into that death-hole again, I will not help you out any more. You will have to STAY DEAD through all eternity."

That is what the Bible means when it speaks of the Second Death. Just that, and nothing more.

A SERMON ON THE FLU

There have been epidemics of disease before in other parts of the world, and to some extent in this country. But this is by far the worst visitation of disease that America has ever experienced. It has already taken more than twice as many American lives as were taken by the German guns in the Great War.

Now the war is over, and the Flu is going on. It is sweeping the world in waves. For a week or two it will subside, and then another wave will start.

The Flu absolutely refuses to sign an armistice,and don't show much sign of surrendering to the doctors nor anybody else. It may continue its hostilities for several months yet, and the total death list by the time it stops cannot be even guessed at.

If the people knew how to live right and exercise common sense in diet and sanitation, neither the Flu nor any other disease would be half so bad. But the people don't know, and are too stubborn to be taught. So they will have to pay for their folly in suffering and death.

Just an epidemic of disease? Certainly. But why must such a thing come? And of all times, why must it come right when the world was starving and bleeding to death? Why must it come at a time when we had trouble enough without it?

The answer is easy. It is one of the "pestilences" that are to come along with the wars and famines at the end of the Age. It is just a part of the accumulating force of the "time of trouble" that started in August, 1914, and will not end till the King comes. But the time is very short. That's where the "good news" comes in.

PARAGRAPHS.

In order to be a live worker for Good News you want to get enthused over it. Read the letters from other subscribers and club-raisers in this issue and get the spirit. Enthusiasm of this sort is nearly as catching as the Flu, but it makes you feel good. Don't try to dodge it.

It is impossible to discuss all of the different subjects fully in any one issue, and so I have to sorter take them one at a time. In this issue I am laying particular stress on the Millennial question. Something else next time. Keep yer eye skun.

The setting of exact dates for future events to happen is a mighty ticklish business, and this paper has never indulged in that sort of pastime. But in a general way we can know that the next ten or twelve years will be crowded with hair-raising events, as the last days of Gentile rule are ebbing away.

Wear this in your button-hole: The "eternal torment" preachers are going to have a hard time of it getting their doctrine down the throats of the boys who come home from the treaches. Those fellows will come back with a keen realization of what the Kaiser brand of torment means, and they will refuse to believe that God is worse than the Kaiser.

Some people just hoot at me for saying that the trouble is not over. They call me a pessimist and insinuate that I am trying to spread "bads news" instead of "good news." But that's where they are mistaken. The name of this paper is not intended to fit the happenings of this present. It applies to a time just a little farther on, when the whole earth will be a paradise. That happy time is just now in the act of being born, and of course you know that any kind of a birth is always accompanied by suffering and blood.

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THIS TRUTH FIRST

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[illegible] of the Millen- [illegible] personal reign of [illegible] earth is not a new [illegible] some uninformed or- [illegible] people seem to think. It [illegible] taught and particularly emphasized by all the ancient prophets. It was taught by Christ himself and by all his apostles, disciples and followers [illegible] three hundred years.

But after about three hundred years the church began to get mixed up with Roman paganism, and as it grew more popular it grew more corrupt. Finally it became the state religion of Rome, with the pope at its head. Of course it didn't suit Rome to have the people taught that Christ was coming back to rule the earth. Rome wanted to hold down that job herself. So she began to teach a new interpretation of scripture, shifting it all away from the earth to some place away up beyong Jupiter. Thus the vital truths about the Second Coming of Christ were lost in the shuffle, and a lot of Roman Catholic mush fed to the people instead.

I can prove to the satisfaction of any reasonable person that this doctrine of the Millennium WAS believed and taught by all the old fathers of the church for three hundred years after Christ. And all down the line since that there has been a scattering of faithful followers who never lost sight of the truth.

I am going to give you right here and now a long list of great religious leaders and teachers who have believed and taught this doctrine of the Millennium as stated above. The list will begin with the Disciples of Christ and lead on down to the present. Let me say, also, that I am not printing this list offhand without investigation. I have studied and looked up the facts until I am satisfied that each and every person whose name appears in the list really was, and is, in sympathy with the Millennial teaching:

All of the Disciples.
Paul.
Barnabas.
Clement.
Ignatius.
Papias.
Polycarp.
Justin Martyr.
Hermas.
Cranmer.
Ridley.
Latimer.
Whitfield.
Bunyan.
Luther.
John Wesley.
Charles Wesley.
Isaac Watts.
John McNeill.
Horatius Bonar.
Thomas Chalmers.
John G. Paton, missionary.
Charles H. Suprgeon.
Dwight L. Moody.
Richard Baxter.
T. DeWitt Talmage.
A. J. Gordon, Bap. clergyman
Ernest A. Bell, Bap. clergyman.
J. M. Bertram, Bap. missionary.
H. G. Guinness, Missionary.
Len G. Broughton, Bap. pastor.
A. C. Dixon, Bap. pastor.
J. Wilbur Chapman, evangelist.
Perry V. Jenness, Pres. pastor
G. Campbell Morgan.
George F. Pentecost, evangelist.
A. B. Simpson, Missionary Alliance.
F. W. Sneed, Pres. pastor.
Robt. E. Speer, Pres. clergyman.
R. A. Torrey, evangelist.
P. E. Zartman, Pres. clergyman.
W. M. Young, Meth. minister
C. I. Scofield, Ed. "Scofield Bible."
F. B. Meyer, Bap. pastor.
A. T. Pierson, Ed. "Missionary Review."
R. E. Neighbor, Bap. pastor.
W. B. Riley, Bap. pastor.
James M. Gray, Moody Bible Inst.
I. M. Haldeman, Bap. pastor.
R. V. Miller, Bap. evangelist.
L. W. Munhall, evangelist.
R. G. Pearson, Col. Theo. Sem.
S. P. Tregelles, Bible student
M. Baxter, founder Chris. Herald.
E. Y. Woolley, Moody church.
John A. Broadus, So. Bap. Sem.
Howard W. Pope, Moody Bible Inst.
C. E. Wakefield, Meth. pastor.
C. A. Blanchard, Pres. Wheaton Col.

The great evangelist, Dr. L. W. Munhall, speaking before a vast audience of Bible scholars at the Prophetic Bible Conference held in Chicago in 1914, made this remarkable statement:

"I had personal acquintanceship and fellowship with the late Charles H. Spurgeon, an out-and-out Premillennialist. I have known personally every prominent evangelist in America, Great Britain and Ireland in the last fifty years, and every man of them, with possibly one single exception, was an ardent Premillennialist."

The above facts will probably be a great surprise to some of the little one-hoss "orthodox" people who don't even keep up with what their own great leaders and thinkers are believing and teaching. It is getting high time for such people to wake up and learn something.

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C. M. KERBY, Leighton, Ala.—Please send Good News to the enclosed seven addresses for one year. I am enclosing a check for $1.05 for the above subs at 15c a year. Happened to get hold of a recent issue of your paper, became interested in some of your items, read them aloud, asked for and obtained the above subs. Every one present took it.

JOHN HALLAWAY, R31, Commerce, Ga.—Enclosed find a list of subs for Good News, with money order to cover. I don't want to miss nary issue if I can help it. You just keep on waking up the folks. I never have seen anything that suits me so well.

W. M. IVES, Attorney-at-Law, Lake City, Fla.—Elder C. P. Thompson, of Gainesville, Fla., showed me the November number of Good News, and I enclose my subscription to begin with November, 1918, as I want to keep that. Prophecy is fulfilling. The king of Sheshach is now to drink. Jer. 25:25. Perilous times are upon us.

MRS. E. Y. WALKER, Willard, Ga.—Please find enclosed list of eight subs to Good News, with remittance to cover, which I secured a few days ago while on a little visit to Union Point and Thomson. While in Thomson I had the pleasure of meeting the wife of our famous stateman, Hon. Thomas E. Watson, to whom I promised to send Good News for a year, and which she said she would be glad to receive and read. This list makes 30 subscriptions I have sent you. Here's success to you, and the Lord's richest blessings and guidance upon you in your efforts to spread the "glad tidings of great joy which shall (eventually and soon) be unto all people."

ELMER NOVAK, R2, Yanktown, N. Dak.—Enclosed find my renewal to your paper. It seems to me like I could not be without Good News, because it brings such wonderful messages each month. You certainly are a wonderful man, and may God bless you for your good work. I have also thought like you on the subject of God and Electricity. When a person reads Good News he learns many new ideas. I am a boy 17 years old, and have taken the paper for the past two years and always read every word of it. I also save all the issues I get, as they will be useful and interesting some day.

R. L. BUTLER, Roseboro, N. C.—Below are the names and addresses of a little club, with my own, as subscribers to Good News. A wonderful little paper, full of scriptural thought to those who are interested in that study, and at the present time it must be a very worldly being who is not interested in it

J. J. BROWN, Hastings, Fla.—You're a good 'un, and I sorter like you. Your Good News is a feast of good things, and I am anxiously looking for the next issue. I sincerely hope the Good Lord will keep His loving arms around you and cause that gray matter of yours to prove a great blessing in opening blind eyes and unstopping deaf ears, that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep. I secured thirty subs for Good News this afternoon. Enclosed find check to cover same.

MRS. D. M. BYARS, Carnesville, Ga.—I am enclosing seven subs to Good News. This makes 17 names I have sent you. Maybe I can get some more. I am 84 years old, and have walked all over this little town getting subs, because I think your paper gives news we all need at this time. I am so much pleased with it I want others to read it too.

J. C. HONEYCUT, R7, Monroe, N. C.—I am more than pleased with the way you are talking through the columns of your Good News. I can't see why any person, regardless of political or religious creeds, should refuse to drink from such a river of knowledge as Good News brings. But still I find many that won't subscribe. Below is a list of seven that want to start with your next issue.

MRS. A. V. SHEETZ, Freeport, Ill.—Your paper used to come to our house under the name of "The Fool-Killer," and I must confess I did not exactly like some of it, but since the new name came I am much pleased with the message, so much so that I have been getting some subscriptions as well as sending it to some other members of the family. With a few samples I could get more subs.

ROY J. JOHNSON, 734 East 4th St., Mishawaka, Ind.—Find enclosed $1.00 for subscriptions to Good News. My last paper before expiration was dealing with the Great Pyramid. Please send papers beginning with that subject. I don't know how long this dollar will pay the subscription, but send the paper as long as it will pay for. My brother-in-law is a great Bible student, and he sees things just as you do. We all enjoy the Good News. Please send paper just as soon as you can, for we are anxious to get it again.

H. K. BROOKSHEAR, Demorset, Ga.—I have been reading your paper for some time, and have liked it all along, but now I think it is better than ever. Find enclosed money order for 75c for which please send Good News to five of us boys for one year. Tell us some more about the Great Pyramid.

ZEPHANIAH THOMAS, 1105 North I St., Richmond, Ind.—I am sending a small club of subs to Good News. I am interested in Good News, both in the paper and the news, and I have some good news that I would be glad to tell the people, which I have not seen in your paper yet. Your paper is the bearer of good news, but it does not contain all of it. I would like to find a paper that would let me salt and pepper it with a few short squibs of good news from my point of view. (Say, why don't you start you a paper of your own, like I did? That's the best way to get your ideas before the public. I might like to turn you loose in my columns if I had room, but it takes nearly all of my little space for me to cut my own capers [illegible]—Editor.)

THE GREAT MYSTERY UNVEILED

By William A. Redding

(Editor's Note:—I am glad to be able to give my readers a few chapters on the Great Pyramid from the pen of the great modern prophet, William A. Redding. The articles that will appear under this head are extracts taken from a book called "The Great Mystery Unveiled," written by Prophet Redding more than 25 years ago. Those desiring the complete work in book form may order it from the publisher, Mr. Ernest Loomis, Peekskill, New York. The price is $1.25.)

In the northern part of Africa stands the great wonder of the world. Generations have come and gone; they have looked and figured, guessed and studied with amazement—all to no purpose. The lock that sealed its lips, four thousand years ago, guarded carefully the hidden secrets in its care until the time would come for the voice within it to speak out to an astonished world. It has spoken, and all the earth stands in breathless amazement at its revelation.

The veil is lifted sufficiently to expose SOME of its long-hidden treasures. Silent as the tomb at midnight it is, yet its great message rolls out upon us at an opportune moment when most needed.

Its speechless oratory melts men down like sand. Well may they wonder in its presence, for Jehovah's tracks are there, but He covered them from the eyes of men, and sealed the wisdom of the ages in solid stone, so that neither time nor the elements of weather can erase His secret path.

Will you read this secret history? Come with me to the Great Pyramid of Egypt—gray-headed with age. Take off your shoes and uncover your head in its towering presence, for Jehovah has been there. He was the Architect whose plans and specifications were formed before the first morning stars sang together. He gave the orders and the foundation for this mysterious building was laid before the grand-parents of Abraham were born.

The measurements of it are: 764 feet square at the base, and 486 feet high—covering about thirteen acres of ground. Built of stone laid solid within and without. Some of the stones are 30 feet in length and fit down upon each other so closely that the point of a pocket-knife blade can be run over them and not detect the joints—although no mortar was used in building.

Where is the machinery today that will dress a 30-foot stone so accurately as to make such a joint? And the weight of such a stone! Some in the building are estimated to weigh 800 tons. What machinery can lift such a stone over 400 feet high and let it down so accurately as to make an almost unnoticeable joint?

A common freight car will carry 20 tons; and at this rate it would require 40 cars to carry one stone. All the steam-engines in the world could not pull this 13-acre building in one lump.

Storms cannot shake it, as it is solid through and through from side to side and from top to bottom, except three of four little halls running through it at various angles; and in these halls some of the mysteries are built. It is shaped for strength—its four sides being tapered and slanted from its foundation upward until they all meet at a sharp point, 486 feet high. It is the very acme of wisdom in form and structure.

When was it built?

What was the purpose?

Who did the work?

How many thousand men were engaged upon it?

All these questions were asked thousands of years before Jesus was born. Away back in Jacob's time this great building troubled the heads of men, but Jehovah kept still. The time for unveiling its deep secrets had not yet come.

Who built it?

It is not positively known, but circumstantial evidence seems to show that Melchizedek (the great peaceful king of Salem) managed the work. But he received the pattern, inside and outside, directly from God. The Bible mentions Melchizedek as having been a type of Christ. He lived about 2,000 or 2,500 years before Christ.

How many thousand men worked on this great stone building? It is almost beyond the reach of the human intellect to figure out an answer to this question. The stones had to be quarried and some of them hauled a long distance. And how this hauling was done no human power can answer, as it has already been shown that one stone would weigh over 800 tons and require 40 freight cars to carry it. The dressing of the stone was an immense task. It could not be done by hand, as no workman nowadays can dress two stones, each 30 feet long, sufficiently true to make them lie together without showing the joint. Then the raising of an 800-ton stone into that high building and letting it down to its exact spot was a task which shows the people of those days had means unknown to us today.

How long a time was consumed, and what was the expense of erecting it?

God alone can answer. If all the property in Egypt were sold the price would not be sufficient to hire workmen to tear down this great stone monument. The Designer (God) never intended that it should be torn down. It was to stand as a "witness" from generation to generation. It is the great hub of the world—standing in the center of all the land surface of earth. North and South America were not at that time known to exist, and yet they were taken into consideration when the foundation spot was selected.

What was the purpose in building it?

Ah, there is the great question that has been asked all through the ages, the last four thousand years, but never answered until the Lord was ready to let men into some of His secret plans. The prophet Daniel, writing under inspiration, declared that the time would come when "men would run to and fro and KNOWLEDGE would be increased." And sure enough that day is upon us, and men are having their eyes opened on the mysteries of God and His universe. Railroad trains are carrying people to all parts of the earth, and the scenes at our great depots in large cities show that the prophecies are now being fulfilled by people running to and fro—some going one way and some another. It is one continuous hurry and stir. Everybody seems to be on the move. Trains, going in all directions, are crowded.

Knowledge is being increased, too. The Lord is dropping crumbs of wisdom into the minds of men as rapidly as they are willing to receive it; and this new current of force running through the thoughts creates fermentation while it is breaking the people away from their old ideas, and this change causes a disturbed condition among the people.

Thus we see that the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy is now going on. And with the increasing of knowledge, predicted by him, comes new knowledge about this great stone mystery in Egypt. The Lord has not permitted all its secrets to flow into one man. He has divided it among them by dropping a point to one and another point to another, and so on.

The first discovery about it was that it contained scientific lessons in various lines of wisdom. It gives us the key to a correct system of weights and measures, and to mathematical problems. It answers questions in astronomy. It points us to deep secrets in earth and sky. It shows the cycles or periods of revolution of the heavenly bodies. Its measurements and angles (when understood) point out the path of man and note the time when certain occurrences take place on earth.

Although it was built more than 2,000 years before Jesus Christ was born, yet it marks the exact date when that great event would occur. It shows His death and resurrection, and the upward path of man toward perfection, and indicates the time when the Millennial Age will be ready to set in, and its great and final glory.

It marks the calling of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and the wonderful dealings God has had with them, and what is yet to occur. The path of all nations is shown and what their final destiny shall be.

Dates of occurrences are most ingeniouly marked, and yet not a picture, not a word, not a figure, is to be found about it. The history and destiny of the world are carefully written in it, and yet not a word is cut, painted or shown. It speaks in thundering tones to the ages, and yet its voice is as silent as the grave. No human eye can read its astonishing story, for the reason that no reading can be found there. Its wonderful messages never would be noticed by sight, hearing, touch, taste or smell. These five senses of man are dumb in its presence. Jehovah has a way of concealing things and at the same time holding them up to full view.

(To be continued in January Good News.)

READ REDDING

I want every reader of Good News to get acquainted with the works of William A. Redding, the famous modren prophet. Mr. Redding has written several books on prophecy, among them being, "Our Near Future," "Mysteries Unveiled," and "The Millennial Kingdom." These books were all written, printed and put in circulation from 20 to 30 years ago. In these books the author made predictions that seemed utterly ridiculous at the time he made them, as there was nothing in sight to indicate that such things could ever happen. But they did happen—they have been fulfilled to the very letter.

Other prophecies in these books are still in the future, and it will be interesting to watch and see if they also come true. So I want you all to get Redding's books and read them. He says some things that I don't agree with; but, after all, he may be right and me wrong. Understand plainly that I am not selling these books myself, and do not keep them in stock. So please do not send orders to me for them, but send direct to the publisher, Mr. Ernest Loomis, Peekskill, N. Y. The books are well printed, neatly bound in cloth, and sell for $1.25 each. This is a free write-up, and not a paid advertisement.

You will readily see that Good News is making no effort to tie itself to any creed or set of beliefs. It finds some truth in nearly all creeds, but not all of the truth in any of them. So if your creed don't allow you to accept all the truth you find in Good News you'll have to blame it on your creed, and not on me. I don't want any fuss with you about our differences, but I'd like for you to come along with me and let us both try to LEARN as much as we can.

There was another great Prophetic Conference held in New York a few weeks ago, and some of the most noted preachers and Bible scholars in America were among the speakers. These men have all grown gray in an atmosphere of strict orthodoxy and have never had even a suspicion of "heresy" attached to their names. It is therefore all the more surprising to find them every one preaching the Millennial Kingdom gospel just as straight as a bee going to its gum. Who would a thunk it? But this is an age of wonders, and we haven't seen all of them yet.